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#### WEATHER



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High, 36. Mostly

snow or rain tonight. Low, 32.

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Quail in teat. With a long hunt ing season and a daily bag limit of 10, California quail are a prime southern Idaho gamebird.

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College has added AllAmerican status to the
NJCAA national cross countrycrown he earned last month.
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'Our votes may differ, but not our hopes.'

# **Bush clinches** final victory



# Texan moves to build consensus government

The Associated Press

Five weeks after Election Day, George W. Bush at last laid claim to the presidency. Wednesday night with a pledge to "seize this moment" and deliver reconciliation and unity to a nation divided. All Gore exited the tortuously close race, exhorting the nation to put aside partisan rancor and support its new chief executive. "I was not elected to serve one party, but to serve one nation," America's soon-to-be 43rd president told Americans in a nationally televised address from the chamber of the Teass House of Representatives. The Teas governor chose that setting, he said, because he had been able to work there with Democrats and Republicans alike. "Our nation must rise above a house divided," he said hopefully, echoing a reference from Scripture spoken by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War. "Our votes" may differ, but not our hopes."

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His wife, Laura, beamed from
the sidelines, and got her own
standing ovarion when Bush

## Presidential. election returns

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Al Gore

spoke of her future role as first

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# Gore's decision gels the morning after court ruling

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - As late as 10 p.m. Tuesday, Al Gore thought he still had a chance - a chance that one of the "swing" justices on the Supreme Court might move his way and bring his campaign back to life.

"I've been back from the dead a couple of times," he told an old friend, "Maybe all

is not lost."

But by 2 a.m. Wednesday, when Gore went to bed after a harrowing night, the Democratic nominee knew he had almost certainly lost his long battle for the presidency, advisers said.

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Gore and his wife, Tipper,

mate Sen. Joseph Lieberman and his wife,

Hadassah, back; are greeted by

long battle for the presidency, advisers said.

He, let eager lawyers in Tallahassee, Fla., work overnight, looking desperately for what one called "a glimmer Please see GORE, Page A2

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# Has the contest hurt Bush?

Idaho pundits disagree on ability to overcome the disputed election

By Michael Journee Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS -With the brutally partism and drawn-out presidential election - finally over, Idaho Republicans and Democrats agree George W. Bush has a tough road aboad

George W. Bush has a rungh road ahead.

They just don't agree over whether he can navigate it.

"It was going to be difficult for whoever won this election," said U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R.Idaho. "It's going to require, quite frankly, statesman to stand up and léad."

Bush received 69 percent of the roto in Idaho on Nov. 7-and-won 43-of the state's 44 countries. Democratic Vice President Al Gore won only Blaine County, Idaho will give Bush four of the 271 electoral, votes he's, likely, to get-come Monday.

But Gore's slim victory in the popular vote nationwide - and the wrangling over Florida's 25 electoral discovered by the state of the state's 44 countries. Factor in, a. slim. Republicanmajority in Congress, and it's clear Bush has a lot of work ahead of him. Simpson said.

Idaho Democratic Chairman

Bush has a lot of work ahead of him, Simpson said.
Idaho Democratic Chairman Carolyn Boyce pointed out that con-servatives screamed about President Clinton's lack of a mandate among voters in 1992 and 1996, when

voters in 1992 and 1996, when Clinton won the popular vote, but lacked a majority.
"How about a man who won not only without a majority but without a truly without a majority but without actually winning?" Boyce said.
But U.S. Sen. Mike Crapp, R. Idaho, said Bush will have no problem establishing his authority. Despite lacking a mandate, Clinton was still able to pool his resources and get things done. It will be the same for Bush.
"The American people recognize

same for Bush.
"The American people recognize
that the role of law governs and I
think will raffy behind Gov. Bush."
Crapo said.
Bush's self-styled "compassionare

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# Wal-Mart bags plans for Twin Falls store – for now

## Some downtown merchants breathe sigh of relief

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The retail shopping chain giant Wal-Mart has bagged its plans to set up, shop in Twin Falls - at least for the time being.

"We don't have any plans on any new sites," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Amy Hill said Wednesday.

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But Hill left open the door for a Wal-Mart supercenter in Twin Falls, somewhere down the road. road. Wal-Mart had wanted to set up a 205,000-square-foot super-center on about 44 acres at Pole Line Road East and Bridgeview prive, across the street from the Home Depot. But city leaders in August denied Wal-Mart's request for a

But city leaders in August denied WalMart's request for a zone change. They questioned the proposed location, and its possible effects on an already-saturated retail area.

Wal-Mart did not immediately give up on ite-Twin Falls plan, and apparently looked at other sites after the August vot. Wal-Mart had looked at other sites in the Martin Falls briefly, including property near Ace Canyon Hardware off Pole Line-Road, west of Blue Lakes Boulevard North, City Planning and Zoning Director LaMar Ortron said. Hill said Wednesday she. wasn't aware that the chain had considered any other Twin Falls properties. Wal-Mart would reconsider

properties.

Wal-Mart would reconsider
Twin Falls, if city leaders have a
change of heart – and the retailer can find a good site.

"Obviously a site that we think
would serve our customers and
serve our needs," said Hill, who
said Wal-Mart's original proposed site was "ideal," because
of its proximity to Magic ValleyMall and other retail sites.

Reactions to Wal-Mart's move
were mixed.

"I think that's probably a really wise move on their part
because I don't think Twin Falls
is ready for them," said Jann
Hutchison, a local real estate
agent who criticized Wal-Mart's
Twin Falls plans. "All the people
that I've talked to said the one in

Jerome is the one we should support - that one Wal-Mart is enough. But if the town, grows. But if the next few years, and they want to look at it again then that's their choice."

Wal-Mart's 151,980-square-foot perome supercenter opened for business in August 2000.
"We really have to think about the best for this area. I think we got one too many big boxes here already and I don't think that's an appropriate thing for us right now," Hutchison said.
Tim Jones, executive director of the Downtown Twin Falls Business Improvement District, was ambivalent. A surprising number of Twin Falls mechants supported a downtown Twin Falls Wal-Mart, while others were worried.
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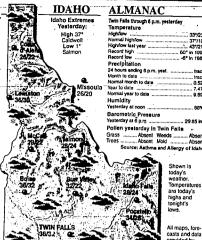
concern for many downtown merchants was about the increased competition." he said—
When or if they choose to come, they will bring some strengths but they will also bring some competition." said Kent Just, executive vice president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. "We survived the last 55 years without them, so I'm sure we can survive a few more years."
Putting the Twin Falls store

more years.

Putting the Twin Falls store
on hold leaves Wal-Mart with
two Magic Valley stores - the
Jerome supercenter and a
Burley store, which has been up
and running for several years.

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



#### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS FRIDAY

Southern Idaho: Light snow will move away early, then the rest-of today will be cloudy. Snow, Ico and rain will develop in the southwest late today and spread east-ward tonight. Rain, ice and snow possible tomorrow. Bolse: Snow ending only this morning, then mostly cloudy the rest of today, snow, ice and rain are possible late today, then there will be some snow, ice and rain onlight. Northern Nevada: A couple of snow showers moving away this morning, then clouds and occasional sunshine the rest of today. Mostly cloudy tonight with the chance for some snow, ice and rain.



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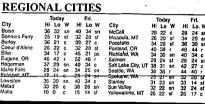
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# WORLD CITIES





#### Low -26° in Flag Island, MN NATIONAL WEATHER

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy today; snow will inches in the west this morning, but snow will ceast. Mostly cloudy tonight with snow showers.

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# Gore

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of hope," a way to persuade the Florida Supreme Court to start recounting votes again. But even they could tell that Gore's thinking was beginning to shift to the end game.

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At dawn, the exhausted lawyers faxed their findings to Washington. About 8 a.m., Gore telephoned campaign chairman Bill Daley.

It didn't make sense to prolong the battle further, Gore said, according to aides.

according to aides.
The odds of success were too

At 10 a.m., 12 hours after the Supreme Court issued its opinion, Daley released a laconic public statement: "The vice president has directed the recount committee to suspend activities."

Gore's presidential campaign was over.

"He was very cool, calm and collected," said one adviser who spoke with Gore several times. "The bea hot anynier if I were in his place."

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Even at the end, Gore's reac-tions were characteristically-cau-tious and analytical. "It was a careful exercise," the adviser-said. "He wanted his best legal thinkers to see if anything was there."

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The last 12 hours of the Gore campaign began in confusion, as the vice president and his aides scrambled to figure out exactly what the Supreme Court had said in its ruling.
Gore got the first news from CNN, one aide said – but the network's correspondents were not sure what the decision meant.
"There was a period of time when no one understood what was going on, including us," said

Daniel Wolock, circulation director

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wriggle room. -Gore campaign aide

an aide to vice presidential nominee Joseph I. Lieberman, D. Com.

In a series of conference calls that I asted almost 90 minutes, Daley and I awyers Ron Klain and David Boies finally decidence their defension and delivered their disgnosis to Gore and Lieberman was it a big. long, drawn-out meeting, "the aide said "If was clear there was little wriggle room," in Tallahassee, though, the lawyers, led by Klain, begged for one more chance. They saw a narrow window of opportunity in two sections of \_\_Gore call the window of opportunity in two sections of \_\_Gore call the window of opportunity in two sections of \_\_Gore call the window of opportunity in two sections of \_\_Gore call the window of opportunity in two sections of \_\_Gore call the window of opportunity in two sections of \_\_Gore call the window of opportunity in two sections of \_\_Gore call the window of opportunity in two sections of \_\_Gore call the window of opportunity in two sections of \_\_Gore call the window of the U.S. Supreme Court said they were worried about the absence of clear statewide standards for counting ballots in Florida. But, the lawyers asked, what if you could get the Florida Supreme Court to issue such standards? The court's majority opinion also argued that recounts could not continue after Tuesday, Dec. 12, because the Florida Supreme Court and that the state's legislature intended to end any dispute by that date the state keigislature intended to end any dispute by that date that the state's legislature intended to end any dispute by that date the state keigislature intended to end any dispute by that date that the state's legislature intended to end any dispute by that date the state keigislature intended to end any dispute by that date the state keigislature intended to end any dispute by that date the state keigislature intended to end any dispute by that date the state keigislature intended to end any dispute by that date the state keigislature intended to end any dispute by that date the state keigislature intended to end any disp

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divided. Some thought the ideas were simply impractical. Devising a new standard for counting ballots, for example, would probably require the par-ticipation of Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a Republican who opposed any recount.

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Besides, another Gore adviser said, even if the Florida Supreme Court authorized a recount under a new standard, the Bush side would simply appeal it right back to the same U.S. rmeeting. It same U.S. Supreme Courrer was little rroom.'

supreme Courrer with the clock still running toward Dec. 18, the day electoral votes must be delivered to Congress, and Jan. 5, the day Congress counts them.

But Klain wanted to go ahead, to see, "in a very lawyerly way," if a respectable argument could be made.

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to see, "in a very lawyeny way, if a respectable argument could be made. Shortly before 2 a.m., Gore said that he would hold off his decision overnight. But uner was little doubt which way he was little doubt which way he was little doubt which way he was leaning, several advisers said. The lawyers worked all night long. By dawn, they had produced a brief that, in effect, would ask the Florida Supreme Court for permission to make their new arguments.

But when Gore got up Wednesday morning, it took him little time to decide.

Overnight, a slowly building chorus of Democrats had begun chorus of Democrats had begun calling on him — both privately and publicly—to withdraw. "I think the American people are ready for it to end," Sen John B. Breaux, D.La., Said.

About 8 am., Gore talked with Daley, At 830 am., Daley called Klain in Tallahassee to "pull the plug," one aide said.

At 9 a.m., Gore's senior staff-conferred in a conference call.

There were no arguments against the vice president's decision, just a discussion of how a public statement should be made.

They recommended a formal statement on prime-time television Wednesday evening, to get the biggest possible audience. But they also decided on a quick statement in the morning - to avoid suffering through a day of speculation over whether Gore was keeping his dying campaign alive.

At 19.30 a.m., Gore telephoned the lawyers in Tallahassee to thank them for their work. Some wept.

wept.
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At 10 a.m., Daley issued his statement.

And by 10:15 a.m., Gore was on the telephone again – first with President-Clinton, who called from Ireland, and then asking friends and allies for advige on his television speech.

The Core residence, was once again full of aides – Daley, political consultants Robert Shrum and Carter Eskew, and speechwiter Eli Attie – working on the text.

writer Eli Attie – working on the text.

Improbably enough, the Gores had scheduled a Christmas-season party for Wednesday evening, including rock musician Jon Bon Jovi, a Gore supporter who sang at many of his campaign events.

The party went ahead as planned. That's why Gore spoke not from his house, but from his office in the Old Executive Office Building, next to the White House.

Aides and friends insisted that throughout the last week, Gore never talked about whether or not he should run again for the

not he should run again for the presidency in four years. But Gore has rebuffed them. "He doesn't want to talk about it," the friend said.

"This is really painful," he said. "And he's got to take some time off to relax and unwind and enjoy himself, which he hasn't done for years."

# 60,000 gallons of gasoline spill from tank in Montana

HELENA, Mont. (AP) – Sixty thousand gallons of gasoline spilled from a Conoco storage tank Wednesday, forcing the evacuation of residences and businesses, a disaster official said. Oil company officials said the spill was contained.

The wasn't immediately clear what caused the spill.

The gasoline flowed from two holes about six feet from the top of the large storage tank; said Paul Speniger, Lewis and Clark County's disaster and emergency services coordinator.

Conoco spokesman John Bennitt referred to it as an overflow. He said the flow was stopped about 5:30 p.m. and all

the fuel remained contained within a protective berm sunding the tank. A fire suppression foam was sprayed on the spill to reduce the threat of fire or explosion, and the cleanup process was underway by evening, Benntz aid.

Planes were barred from the air space above the plant, and Montana Rail Link halted its trains from entering the area pavoid sparks.

There were no reports of the control of the futures were strong enough to bring tears to the eyes of motorists on a hearby highway, which was later closed.

# Idaho

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conservation," and his efforts as Texas governor to include Democrats in his administration and his decisions, show an ability to "reach across the aisle" effec-tively, said Mike Tracy, spokesman for U.S. Sen. Larry Crais, P.Idab U.S. Sen. Larry Crais, P.Idab U.S. Sen. Larry

spokesman for U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R.Idaho.

Early signs indicate his presidential cabinet will include Democrats in high-profile positions, such as former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., a possible candidate for defense secretary. This bears out Bush's bipartisan nature, Tracy said.

While Boyce supports Gore's decision to concede, she said the stigma of this election will not fade soon for Bush. Several groups have filed Freedom of Information Act requests to count the disputed Florida ballots and make the results public, she said.

41 think we will have a totally

she said:
"I think we will have a totally
different picture of what this
election was about soon," Boyce

But despite the contentious

outcome, Crapo believes the GOP's slim control in Congress could pose Bush more problems. Crapo said he has already heady Democrats talking about a "idnothing" Congress and Bushi inability to, work with congressional Democrats. Congressional Democrats. Congressional Democrats congressional Democrats congressional Democrats congressional Democrats. Congressional Democrats congressional Democrats congressional Democrats congressional Democrats congressional Democrats. Congressional Properties of Congress to see a there are some trying to create problems, rather than on what Bush is or isn't doing," Crapo said.

said.

Gore's political future is equiy unclear – and seen also along
party lines.

Republicans believe Gore ha
squandered political capital of
the recount efforts, while Boyce
believes his showing in the popular vote proves he's a viable candidate for the Democrats in the
future.

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# Official moves to avert California blackouts

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—
Energy Secretary Bill
Richardson ordered Northwest
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ty to power strapped California
utilities Wednesday, a move that
appeared to avert the immediate
hareat of rolling blackouts.
The announcement came as
state regulators warned rolling
blackouts were imminent due to
power shortages within the state

## Shuttle problems -prolong mission

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

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Discovery's launch with a space station replacement crew is now targeted for March 1, which would have Shepherd and cosmonauts. Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev returning 11 days later.

and an inability to buy more electricity from the Northwest. The warning came from the Independent System Operator, keeper of California's power grid. It said that electricity supplies were so perilously low that it might declare a Stage 3 power emergency for only the second time ever. At Stage 3, the grid can impose blackouts.

Richardson said at a

Washington, D.C., news conference he was using emergency powers to force wholesalers to sell power to California at a price he deemed fair.

He said he would also request two large Pacific conerating

sen power to California at a price he deemed fair.

He said he would also request that two large Pacific Northwest power generating associations send more power to California.

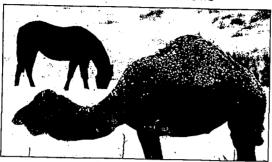
"Our objective is to keep the lights on in California through

this emergency situation," is said. "We're dealing with potentially very serious situation

said. "We're dealing with potentially very serious situation here."

California has been caught in a power crunch over the past-several days, in part because of cold weather in the Northwest—where California buys much of its power — and the shutdown of some generating plants for maintenance.

# SAHARAN SNOWS



snowy pasture Manhattan.

A camel and a

Mannartan, Kan., Wednesday. A winter storm dumped about four inches of snow on cen trai Kansas overnight.

# Budget package heads toward congressional vote

WASHINGTON (AP)
Congress was headed toward a Friday vote on a spending package that would bring the 106th Congress to a close-and give President Clinton a parting claim to some of the education spending he has sought.
While details remained to be worked out, lawmakers and aides worked out, lawmakers and aides said they tentatively agreed on a spending bill for education, health and labor programs, the last major obstacle to Congress completing its budget work for the year.

last major obstacle to Congress completing its budget work for the year. "I think we're home free," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R.Alaska, chairman of the Senare Appropriations Committee. House and Senate approval Friday of the education-health bill and other unfinished spending bills and related issues would allow-the 160th Congress, which began with the impeachment trial of the president, to adjourn. That would make way for the new Congress in January that, for the first time in eight years, will be working with a Republican president. Clinton and congressional leaders last Monday agreed to a \$108.9 billion ceiling for those education-labor programs that are not automatic benefits such as Medicare and Medicaid. That

figure was \$3.7 billion less than the total reached in a tentative compromise that fell apart shortly before the election and the total reached in a tentative upset over high spending levels in this year's budget, they also agreed to a small across-the-board cut of \$1 billion in non-education-health programs.

Negotiators this week had the task of deedding how to allocate the \$3.7 billion in cuts.

Those close to the talks said the tentative agreement would give the Education Department a boost of \$6.6 billion, or 18.5 percent, over the fiscal 2000 budget. That increase would be \$1.3 billion less than the figure reached in the pre-election agreement.

Among Clinton's top education programs, money to reduce class size would be \$1.6 billion, up 25 percent from last year, and money for school repairs would be \$1.5 billion, compared with nothing last year.

The maximum Pell Grant awards for needy college students would increase from \$3,300 to \$3,750. Funds for after-school programs would rise from \$53.701 from \$1.50 million to \$851 million, to program to-hold failing schools more accountable would get \$225 million, up from \$134 million.

# Clinton urges Northern Ireland peace process

BELFAST, Northern Ireland
(AP) - President Clinton's last
presidential visit to Northern
freland ended Wednesday with a
peace process still stalled and
politicians feuding, yet citizens
still longing for a violence-free
cuture. He told the people of
Belfast to "claim your moment"
for peace.

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for peace.

Citimon succeeded in recharging the talks to resolve 30 years of sectarian and political violence over Britain's rule of Northern Ireland. He left with an informal agreement between the Republic All reland and the United All green of the resolution of the resolution of the reland and the United All green to do more to counter terrorists unhappy with the new with fragile power-haring government in the north.

"I believe in the peace you are building. I helieve there can be no turning back. I believe you are committed to that," Clinton said

before leaving for London where he planned to meet Thursday with Queen Elizabeth Hand make a foreign policy speech. "And I think it's very important that people the world over see what you are doing and support you along the way."

The president met for nearly three hours with members of the Northern Ireland Assembly but none of the leaders made any announcements about how they can surmount key issues - disarmament by terrorist groups and police reform - that are threatening to unravel the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. "It is still for you to claim your moment," Clinton told more than 6,000 people who packed a brand new sports arena along a revitalized city waterfront.

David Trimble, Protestant first minister in the new Northern

Ireland government, warmed up the audience for Clinton, sayin he would "stand firm" in his demand for gradual Irish Republican Army disamament. Proceedings of the stand for gradual Irish of the standing of peace sink on the rocks of old habits and hard grudges," he said. "We are learning to define our selves by what we are for, not what we are against." British Prime Minister Tony Blair defended his government's cautious approach to scaling down its military forces in Northern Ireland in response to the Irish Republican Army's 1997 cease-fire. Despite IRA dissidents' continuing effort to wreck the cease-fire, Blair said, Britain had already reduced British forces in the province to around 13,000, the lowest level in three decades. Adams, who sat in the audience, said even though there are

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still wrinkles in the process, Clinton can rest assured that he has blazed a solid trail for his suc-cessor. "The USA now has a peace policy toward Ireland, I can't see any president abandon-ing that," Adams said.





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# Man wins in Titanic antique case

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) - A man who sold a Titaine boarding pass—he inherited to an antique dealer for \$1.000, then saw it bring \$100,000 at auction, has been awarded \$18,700 from the profits.

A Pierce County Superior Court jury returned the verdict Tuesday in a lawsuit brought by Vern Westby, 72, of Parkland, ngainst Alan Gorsuch of Sanford & Son Antiques in Tacoma. Gorsuch was ordered to pay a share of the auction profits to Westby, who inherited he pass from his wife, a cousin of Titaine survivor Anna Sofia Sjoblom. Michael Schwartz, Westby's lawyer, said Gorsuch told Westby the pass was worthless and that it wouldn't bring in as much as \$500.

But Gorsuch, who said he

wouldn't bring in as much as \$500.

But Gorsuch, who said he planned to appeal, testified it was Westby who set the \$1,000 price and that he knew little about the value of Titanic memo-

about the value of Titanic memorabilia at the time.
Sjoblom's pass, an inspection card, showed she had been quarantined for syphilis and tuberculosis. The card also served as her boarding pass because Sjoblom, a third-class passenger, transferred onto the Titanic at the last minute after being bumped from another liner because of a coal trike.

## Judge dismisses charges against tree defender

NASSAU, N.Y. (AP) - A town judge dismissed charges against a woman who used an unloaded shotgun to chase off a work crew sent to cut down trees near her

sent to cut down trees near her property last year.

Hildegard von Waldenburg, 81, could have spent a year in jail on menacing charges in the February 1999 incident in this Albany suburb.

At the time she was unrepen-

but once a uses seemed.
She still says she did nothing wrong, but warns others against following her lead.
"I'm only worried that someone else will think it is OK because I did not go to jail for it." she told the Times Union of Albany.

she told the Times Union of Albany.
Five judges heard the case over time - three recused them-clves for conflict of interest, and one retired. North Greenbush Town Justice Raymond J. Elliot III finally ruled Tuesday that "justice delayed is justice denicd."
Elliot, nevertheless, rebuked von Waldenburg for her actions.
"This is not the Wild West," he said.

## Debriefing ends for former Los Alamos scientist

Alamos scientist

ALBUQUERQUE, NM. (AP)—
The official government debriefing of former Los Alamos National
Laboratory scientist Wen Ho Lee
Ins ended. The Associated Press
learned Wednesday. There was no
word on whether he will take liodetector exams.

The questioning of Lee under
oath ended Tuesday night,
according to a source familiar
with the case who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Earlier this year, Lee pleaded
guilty to one count of illegally
downloading restricted government data and agreed to make
himself available for debriefing
and to possible polygraph tests.
—Lee-was arrested a year ago
and held in solitary confinement
for nine months. He has maintained that he destroyed 17
portable computer tapes he used
to download data while working
at the nuclear weapons lab.

FBI agents searched in the Los
Alamos County landfill from late
November through last Friday.

FBI spokesmen declined to say
whether anything was found, but
a federal law enforcement official in-Washington said Friday
that some portable tapes that
might contain Lee's downloads
were found and sent to the FBI
—laboratory-fortesting.

That official, who also spoke on
condition of anonymity, cautioned that other items found
earlier were tested and turned
out not to be the Lee tapes.

## A plant joins the genome family

The first plant to be genetically sequenced is a humble member of the mustard family. Arabidoosis thaliana, or thate cress. Its DNA – chromosomes packed with genes made up of base pairs of amino acids – joins the well of genetic information previously decoded for other organisms.

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Base pairs	12 million	4.6 million	100 million	180 million	118.7 million	Over 3 billion	
Gones	6,241	4,405	19,000	13,600	25,500	Eştimates vary widely	About 40,000
Genes with characteristics similar to human genes	120 of 289 human genes that mutate to cause disease		About half, or 9,500	177 of 289 human genes that mutate to cause disease	About 100	-	A majority have relative similarities to human
Some applications	Genetic functions in this simple organism translate to much more complex organisms	Introducing insulin- producing genes into E. coli turns the bacteria into insulin factories.	More advanced than yeast, the worm shows how genes construct tissues.	Showed that the shotgun technique of gene sequencing could be applied to the human DNA.	Could boost yield and nutritional content of crops. Provides reference for other plants.	May make it possible to target the genetic sources for disease in Individuals.	Mice provide ideal models for drug experiments on genes associated with disease,
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# Scientists complete first genetic map of a plant

The Associated Press

Scientists for the first time have mapped the entire genetic sequence of a plant. It's neither a towering redwood tree nor a fragrant rose, but an obscure, spindly weed with leaves resembling mouse ears.

Arabidopsis thaliana – gardeners know it as thale cress – joins the fruitfly, yeast, the nematode worm and two dozen bacteria organisms that have even their entire DNA blueprins.

Scientists selected Arabidopsis as the poster plant for the generics revolution over 250,000 flow.

ering competitors because it's biologically simple and grows, quickly -a smany as eight generations per year.

Like the animal models, it is easily manipulated in laboratory experiments and widely used as a reliable stand-in for more complex organisms.

In the wild, this homely member of the mustard family sprouts innocuously along pathways and dry, rubble-strewn hillsides in Europe.

Suddenly Architelessis is it.

Europe.
Suddenly, Arabidopsis is indispensable. The small plant's 25,500 genes already are being manipulated in some of science's

most revolutionary – and controversial experiments. Chief among them, to boost the yields and nutritional content of rice, wheat and other staple crops that feed billions of people in poor, crowded countries.

ed countries.

Even medicine could benefit by learning how the plant's DNA repairs itself after infection or

"Arabidopsis now is the reference of the plant for all others," said ence plant for all others," said the University of North Carolina. He works extensively with Arabidopsis, but did not contribute to the mapping report.

# Report highlights need for more child care money

WASHINGTON (AP) – States need more federal money to pay for child care, an advocacy group argues in a new report that focuses on the South but highlights problems across the coump.

"There ought to be sufficient funds to serve all families who need and seek it," said Sarah Shuptrine, president of the Southern Institute on Children and Families, which released its report Wednesday. But Shuptrine said the Southern task force, which spent a year studying the issue, was unable to estimate how many children need child care and are not getting it.

Last week, the Department of Health and Human Services—reported that just 12 percent of U.S. children who are eligible for federally subsidized child care got it last year.

But that report also did not

federally subsidized child care got it has year. But that report also did not attempt to estimate the actual need. It did not say whether the families without subsidies were paying for child care on their own, didn't need it or had made other arrangements.

"The data have got to be collected so we're more informed about what kind of decisions to

make," Shuprine said.

The report also recommends that states make it easier for families to apply for child care help, noting the trouble programs such as Medicaid have hed signing up children who qualify for aid. That, of course, would not become a significant problem unless there becomes more money available.

The federal government sent states \$5.2 billion last year to help subsidize child care. States spent another \$1.6 billion aff their own money, which was required to get the federal dolars.

Nationally more than \$4.7 mil.

required to get the federal dollars.

Nationally, more than 14.7 million low-income children were eligible for child care subsidies last-year using federal standards, but fewer than 1.8 million children got the help, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Under federal standards, families are eligible for the subsidies if their incomes fall below 85 pelicent of their state's, median income. But most of the states in the report set more stringent eligibility rates due to the shortage of available funding, Shuptrine said.

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# Bidding runs sky-high for planned memoir

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Her official titles are first lady and senator-elect. Unofficially, Hilbry Rodham Clinton these days is also the most sought-after author in the publishing business.

Bidding for the first lady's planned memoirs has topped 57-million, according to a source who works at one of the publishing companies bidding for the book. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

The auction for the book is being conducted by Washington lawyer Robert Barnett, who declined comment. Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson also declined comment.

Interest in the first lady's book is especially strong because sha has indicated she would discuss President Clinton's impeasure and his affair with Monica Lewinsky. Her contract will like Lewinsky. Her contract will like ly exceed the \$7.1 million given to General Electric chairman Jack Welch last summer. In 1989, President Reagan received more than \$8 million for a

two-book deal.

One person familiar with the situation, and speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wed-

First lady first lady wants a large advance to help with the purchase of a house in Washington. The New York Times reported Wednesday that the first lady wants most of the money for the book paid to her before the end of this year. Following then-House Speaker Rewt Gingrich's agreement to a \$4.5 million book advance from Harper Collins, the House of Representatives in 1995 amended its rules so that members "may not receive an advance for advance for a deal that gives him royalties" Gingrich later gave up the advance for a deal that gives him royalties on book sales. The Senate has no such rules.

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# THE BUSH VICTORY



# High hurdles

# Now president-elect, Bush faces challenges

...WASHINGTON (AP) — It is a herculean to-do list.

George W. Bush, as he prepares to claim the title of president-elect, immediately faces extraordinary challenges stretching well beyond the heavy demands typically involved in organizing a government.

"From the first words of his long-delayed higher of the first words of his long-delayed fyictory" speech through languaration Day and beyond, Bush will need to work to establish the very legitimacy of his presidency, quite a divided nation and bridge a partisan preach in Congress.

Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo speaks of the crying need for a "graceful elt the president, not-just a graceful eith the loser.

"The situation facing the president-elect is almost unprecedented," as di William Galson, el/niversity of Maryland professor of publication who as offered index with will have been beginned to the control of 
enerous, neating oaim to coss patients on some consistence of the hopes to start with a unifying speech technesday night and meet with congressional fladers, including Democrats, and with President Clinton before making public his ransition plans, aides say.

Al Gore, likewise, has spoken of trying "to reaffirm our national unity" in a meeting of the victor and vanquished once the winner is thown. Gore planned to officially drop out of

Electoral countdown

process and their significance.

Dec. 12: States submitted their state of elections to the architect of the United States. The law says this must be done six days before the meeting of electrons outlined in the law. Sometime star Al Gore concedes the race, the General Services Administration turns over 56.3 million of tasplayer more and an office of George W. Bush to help him plan his administration.

Dec. 18: Electors are to meet in each state on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in Decamber, to vote by beliot, one for president and one for vice president.

Dec. 27.1 Sectors record their votes and sense, them to the prevailant of the U.S. Senate, the sectivists of the United States and other federal and states officials by this date.

the race in a nationally televised address Wednésday night, advisers said. Fred Greenstein, a presidential scholar at Princeton University, offers the conciliatory words and sentiments of Gerald Ford and Thomas Jefferson, both of whom took office in

trying times, as models for the victor.

—Ford, trying to bring the nation together after the Watergate debade, told Americans after his swearingin, "Our long national nightmare is over."

Jefferson, selected to be president by the

arter one watergate account, tool manachaster his wearingin, "Our long national night-mare is over."

Jefferson, selected to be president by the House after there was a tie in the Electoral College, reached out to the opposition in his inaugural address, saying, "We are all Republicans—we are all Federalists."

Other important first steps, in Galston's view: offering significant Cabinet and White House jobs to members of the opposition party, consuling with leaders of both parties in Congress, starting with policy initiatives that have a good chance of finding consensus.

For all the talk about America's divided electorate, some believe it will be easier for the public to come together behind the new president than for the sharply divided Congress to do likewise. "I actually think that-the-people are somewhat less divided than are their representatives," said Galston. "The place to begin is with a de-escalation of retoric and the operation of a truce between the two political parties." Further, demonstrating an ability to build coalitions in Congress will help to build the confidence of the American and ability to build coalitions in Congress of political science at Vanderbit University.

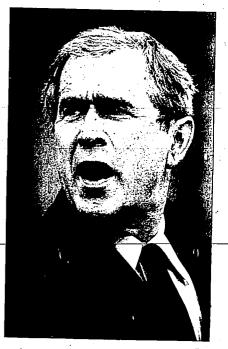
"He has to convince the people that government in Washington is working." Hargove

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Vanderbit University.

"He has to convince the people that government in Washington is working," Hargrove said. "That's what they want."

In all likelihood, that means abandoning the most ambitious campaign proposals and starting with issues more likely to produce consensus – education reforms for Bush, for example, rather than a giant tax cut or sweeping changes in Social Security.



Texas Gov. George W. Bush shouts back a response to reporters Wednesday as he leaves the Capitol in Austin, Texas.

# Governor's edge was slender on many counts

WASHINGTON - A landslide it

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By at least one measure, and the form of the

Campbell, a University of Buffalo political scientist. Up to now, the closest finish was the 1876 election, which turned on about 400 votes in South Carolina.

"But as a percentage of the tiptal vote cast, the number of votes that would have had to swing in Florida this year was smaller than the number of votes stath would have lection of 1876," Campbell said in an interview.

view. Bush's victory margin in Bush's victory margin in Florida was SIA votes, according to the result certified by the state on Nov. 26. Campbell said that even if the difference between Bush and Al Gore were 530 votes, the margin initially certified by the state, it would be the closest presidential election even.

If Gore had won Florida's electoral votes instead, he would' have become the new president.

There are other ways in which the 2000 election is noteworthy from the viewpoint of history, or historical trivia.

Only one other son of a former president ever has won the White House. In 1825, John Quincy Adams became the nation's sixth president, more than two

House. In 1825, John Quincy Adams became the nation's sixth president, more than two decades after John Adams, the nation's second president, left office.

— Bush, of course, replaces the man who unseated his own father, George Herbert Walker Bush, just eight years ago.

Quincy Adams and W. share at least one other distinction. But it is one the president-elect would probably just as soon forget.

Both he and Adams were elected in spite of losing the popular vote. Only two other presidents have that asterisk after their names: Rutherford B. Hayes and Benjamin Harrison (who is also the lone presidential grandson to win the presidency).

Bush's victory in the Electoral

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Bush's victory in the Electoral
College, the only vote that counts
in presidential elections, was no
landslide, either. The Texas governor prevailed by just four electoral votes – a single vote more
than the minimum needed to
assure victory.

# Analysts doubt Gore will be back in 2004

WASHINGTON - It is always risky to bury any politician. But if Vice President Al Gore's appearance on national-television Wednesday night was not his swan song, the world of American politics will be stunned. The first rule of the game is, of course, never say never. And anyone of a certain age and with a reasonable political memory recalls Richard M. Nixon being written off forever after he lost the race for governor of California in 1962 - only to rise again and with the presidency six-years later. So a Gore comeback cannot be described as unimaginable

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But Gore has committed the unpardonable sin of politics by losing an election he should have won in a walk. And by so doing, he has put himself in that company of falled Democratic nominees who, in effect, vanished from party councils without a trace once the votes, were counted: George S. McGovern in 1972, Jimmy Carter in 1980, Walter F. Mondale in 1984 and Michael S. Dukakis in 1988.

Even as the recount drama

Dukakis in 1988.
Even as the recount drama was playing itself out in Florida over the last five weeks, Democratic leaders were reaching an informal but pervasive consensus among themselves that Gore has no political future. Leading Democrats are reluctant to speak publicly of their harsh



her support for Vice President Al Gore Wednesday morning.

judgment of their party's stan-dard-bearer, but privately they are blunt.

an obears, our privately they are blum, a prominent former official of the Clinton administration who raised large amounts of mone for Gore says, for example, that one of the clinton of

the staff."

To these Democrats, the notion of a second Gore campaign in 2004 is preposterous. He has

Analysis

never been a politician with a wide circle of frends and cronies who like or admire him. Perhaps the most that could be said was that he, has been a politician respected for his knowledge of issues and for his single-minded ambition.

Few Democratic veterans have forgotten about the campaign he ran for the presidential nomination in 1988 in which, at different points, he did considerable damage to rivals-such as Dukakis and House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt. So there has been no predisposition within his party to give Gore the benefit of the doubt when he surrenders the White House to a Republican.

Gore is being faulted first because he failed to take advantage of a political context that should have made it easy for him to win. As a quassincumbent he had the advantage of an econgony fourshing at record levels and a world situation stable enough so that Americans feel no threat to national security.

"Peace and prosperity - that's supposed to be a winning combination," says a veteran congressional Democrat, "but not this time."

sional Democrat, "but not this time."

The campaign was waged, moreover, largely on issues that strategists on both sides believed – and opinion polls showed – favored the Democrats over the

Republicans, including educa-tion, the environment and the critical entitlement programs, Social Security and Medicars, The Republicans seemed to have

The Republican's seemed to have an edge only on the tax question. Secondly, there is a widespread feeling among political profes-sionals in both parties that Gore's Republican opponent. Go. George W. Bush of Texas, was a weak candidate who could not hope to match Gore in his com-mand of the issues and the possi-bilities.

hope to match Gore in his command of the issues and the possibillities:

Bush committed verbal gaffeafter gaffe, to the point that jokes,
about his intellectual limitations
became a staple of late-night telvision and eventually part of the
public dialogue. Opinion surveys
showed until the very end of the
campaign that the Texas governor
still had not convinced a substantial segment of voters that he had
the intellectual heft for the office.

But Gore never was able to
capitalize on Bush's weakness
because he lacked the personal
qualities to evoke any eval in the
electorate. From the first days of
the New Hampshire primary
campaign until Noy. 7 the
Democratic nomince failed to
counter the perception that he
was a patrouring and contrived
candidate talking down to the
worse. Except for, one brief period after his Democratic convention acceptance speech, the vice
president's negatives in opinion
publis hivered at a dangerous
level in the 40 percent to 45 percent range.

# Cabinet, staff is already coming together for president-elect

WASHINGTON - The presiden-cial transition is way behind schedule, but George W. Bush has made up his mind on several key posts in his new administration -particularly the inner circle - and is looking hard at several people for his Cabinet posts. He's firmed up his White House staff appoint-hents, which are expected to be amounced soon. Here's a look at some of the sure bets, as well as the top contenders:

#### The White House staff.

Andrew Card - White House chief of staff, Card, a longtime Bush family loyalist, served as transportation secretary under flush's father. He took a leave of assence from General Motors to ign the younger Bush's presidential campaign.

Condoleezza Rice - National



on Russia and a former provost at Stanford University, played a leading role in developing role in developing bush's foreign policy positions during the campaign. She is a classical pianist and a fan of col-

Andrew Card classical pianist and a fan of col. lege basketball.

Josh Bolton – Domestic policy adviser. The former Goldman Sachs investment banker has a passion for motorcycles as well as public policy.

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Lawrence Lindsey – Economic policy adviser.—The—former Federal Reserve board member pulled his money out of the stock market several years ago, saying that he did not want to worry that the bubble would—burst: He-helped Bush develop his tax cut proposal.



Ari Fleischer
- White House
spokesman.
Fleischer Fleischer worked for Elizabeth Dole, but switched to Bush when her presidential campaign fiz-zled. The for-mer congres-sional press aide is known for his cautious

demeanor.

Karen Hughes — Counselor to the president Hughes, a former television reporter, is one of Bush's closest aides. She will oversee the media operation while staying out of the limelight.

Karl Rove - Presidential adviser.

Rove Sprecise title in the new administration is unclear, but there is little doubt that he will remain one of Bush's inner circle advisers. The campaign strategist has been



Colin Powell

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Secretary of commerce – Bush has earmarked the job for Don Evans, an oilman from Midland, Texas, and Bush's campaign chair-man. The former, drinking bud-dies (both swore off alcohol years ago) have been extremely close for decades.

Secretary of state - Retired Gen. Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is virtually certain to become the nation's top diplomat.

Secretary of defense - Former Indiana Sen. Dan Coats is considered the leading candidate for the Pentagon job, but no final decisions have been made.

Secretary of health and human services - Gail Wilenskey, the former head of the Health Care Finance Administration and the chief architect of Bush's prescription drug proposal, is a top contender, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson is also under consideration.

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Attorney, general — Montana
Gov. Marc Racicot, Oklahoma Gov.
Frank Keating and Missouri Sen.
John Asheroft are top-tier
prospects for the Justice
Department—Racicot carned
Bush's gratitude by taking a highprofile role during the election dispute. Keating is a former FBI age-

and a former federal prosecutor Asheroft served as Missouri's after-ncy general before moving to the Senare and has strong support from Christian conservatives. He

from Christian conservatives. He was defeated in November.
Secretary of interior - Racico shoets to the top of the list if he doesn't become attorney general.
Secretary of transportation - Former Michigan Sen. Spencer Abraham is considered a top contender. His Lebanese heritage is considered a plus because of the growing political influence of Arab-Americans.

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Chavez, the former director of the
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
and a White House aide to Ronald

Reagan.
CIA director – If Bush doesn't ask current director George Tenet to stay'on, a heavy favorite is Rep. Porter "Gos" of "Florida", the respected chairman of the Hoise Intelligence Committee and a former CIA clandestine officer.

# THE BUSH VICTORY



# We're Bushed!

(But it really wasn't a national trauma)

By Robert S. Boyd Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - OK, every-

WASHINGTON - OK, every-body: It's over.
George W. Bush is going to be our next president. Al Gore will find something useful to do. The rest of us can get on with our gives and our Christmas shopping.
This hoge, complicated, prosperous country has endured much worse travails than the bizarre election of 2000 and recovered quite nicely.
"This was not a national trauma - not at all," said Charles Jones, a retired professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. "Once we swim our way out of the sea of chads, we'll leave it behind us rather quickly."
Let's put it in perspective. Unlike the horrors of the Civil War, two world wars, Korea and Vietnam, no-one-was-killed or-injured in the political trenches. No children crouched under school desks as in the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. No trops were called out as during the civil rights struggles and violent racerious of the 'Sos and 'Gos.
No sitting president or vice president was driven from office in disgrace, as happened to Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew a generation ago.

Of course, there was anger and

Richard Nixon and spate represent a generation ago.

Of course, there was anger and frustration as the long count dragged on. But no blood was shed, no bones broken. Partisans exercised their constitutional right to wave signs and trade insults in Florida's streets and on the Supreme Court steps. But the vast majority of citizens went about their business peaceably.



A demonstrator dressed as Uncle Sam holds up a sign reje W. Bush as president during a Wednesday raily in support Gore in Tallahasse, Fla.

Despite a flood of inflamed language, the situation never reached the level of "crists." While it lasted, the election dominated television and the press, but so did the O.J. Simpson trial in its time. It has been an intriguing but passing curiosity. Those most affected, beyond Bush, Gore and, their families, were the members of the political class, journalists, chattering pun-

dits, talk-show hosts and latenight TV comedians - a few thousand people in a nation of 275 million. The contending armies consisted mostly of lawyers brandishing briefs, and politicians testing the bounds of their authority. The battles were fought in the courts and political institutions created precisely to solve such problems. "It was a unique, strange,

quirky event," said James MacGregor Burns, a presidential historian at the University of Maryland. "But whether it has any historical importance depends on whether it leads to wholesale reform in the election-process in this country. That's not very likely."

The outcome clearly is deeply disappointing to Democratic partisans, government job-seekny and liberal interest groups. But with an evenly divided Congress reflecting an evenly divided nation, no major lurch to right or left is likely.

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The United States has frequently shown its ability to recover from tragedy or conflict without permanent scars. The last major hurricane to batter Florida – Hurricane Andrew – actually brought citizens together, for a while, to repair and rebuild.

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that transfixed the nation. In decision of President John Kennedy is ancient history to anyone under 40. Watergate is a bad dream, the details of white are fading from memory. The nation took the impeachment of President Clinton in stride, and he is leaving the White House with his popularity near an all-time high.
"The American political system is one of great self-correcting systems in the world," said Jones from the University of Wisconsin. "That's the beauty of the separation of powers. It's not all centered in one prime minister or president. There are multiple avenues of access and decision making."

# Gore helps himself in concession speech

WASHINGTON - After startand-stop recounts and bitter
court divisions, Al Gore graceful
by bowed to George W. Bush, the
man who won fewer votes in the
Mov. 7 election.

In defeat, Gore delivered one
of the best addresses of his political career, the kind that might
have helped his campaign if he
had been able to speak so convincingly while he still was running. Famously wooden while
pleading for votes, Gore was
remarkably at ease in ceding victory to Bush.

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pleading for votes, Gore was remarkaby at ease in ceding victory to Bush. In victory, less than an hour later, Bush promised to begin the work of healing the nation's partisan wounds. "I know American wants reconciliation and unity," Bush said. "I know Americans want progress."

Bush said it was time to find common ground on issues such as Social Security, schools, tax relief and health insurance.

However, common ground may be hard to find in America these, days. The voters were split, the courts were divided, the Senate was fractured 50-50 between Republicans and Democrats, and the House was splintered almost schools, the winner of the popular vote (by about 330,000 votes), lost the election. That's only happened three times before and the last time 112 years ago, before the Information Age and high-speed computers were supposed to produce quick; accurate results.

Analysis

concession by Gore and a strange odyssey into the world of dîm pled, hanging, swinging and preg-nant chads.

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Gore didn't hide his
disagreement with the Supreme
Court's 54 decision that effectively handed the election to
Bush. Yet, he said "I accept it."
Rother than grouse, he said the
election had been setted by
"the honored institutions of our
democracy." Those words were
intended to cool the tempers of
Democrats who say Bush stole
the election and assert they
will not support him as president.
Gore insisted for weeks that he
won a majority in Florida, the
state whose 25 electoral votes
were decisive. The Florida
Supreme Court twice ordered the
recounts he requested but the
supreme Court shut down the
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process and effectively handed the election to Bush. In the end it was only one vote that counted, the one-vote margin on the nation's highest court. Many Democrats believe the decision put the wrong man in the White House. "There is no question there is scar tissue," Seption the world by the state of the possibility of trying again.

Indeed, even as he left behind the 2000 race, a new poll appeared. Americans were asked, "If the election were being held today, who would you vote for?" Their answer, Gore 47 percent, Bush 44 percent.

# Cheney meets with GOP congressional leaders

WASHINGTON—With the end of the presidential contest at hand, congressional Republicans on Wednesday stepped up legislative planning for a White House and Congress that would be controlled by the COP for the first time since 1954.

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Vice President-elect Dick Cheney made the rounds of Capitol Hill, meeting with GOP leaders and competing factions within the party. They discussed the transition of power and how to provide a quick start to George W. Bush's agenda of cutting taxes, shoring up the military, reforming Social Security and improving education.
On the one hand, Republicans reveled in their position, saying that their control of the presidency, the Senate and the House gives them power to fully push their legislative agenda. But they also acknowledged that the

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The Republican-controlled Florida Senate, anticipating a concession speech from Vice President Al Gore, slammed the brakes Wednesday on a plan to name



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electors for George W. Bush -and may never act as the exhausting five-week ordeal offi-cially ended Thursday. Rather than take the potential-ly divisive step of naming Bush electors, the collegial Senate closed up shop for the day and

on their mandate from the voters.

Several GOP leaders called for a new commitment to bipartisan-ship in the wake of the divisive post-election period.

"Now, as a nation, we must come together," said House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, R-III.
"Our system has endured a great trial and the wounds that have come from the passions of partisanship must begin to heal for the good of the country."

But Cheney's visit to Capitol Hill focused only on the Republican side of the aisle. He met with Hastert, House GOP Policy Chairman Christopher Cox of California and Sen. Charles E. Grassley of lowa, who as the next chairman of the Senate Finance Committee will oversee such key parts of the Bush agenda as tax cuts and reform of Social Security and Medicare.

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senators reached for the remote. Most said they planned to watch Core's speech, and were looking to the future: healing the partisan divide, focusing on changes in Florida's election system and tackling the budget, education and other issues.

moderates - who said they can serve as envoys to build coalitions with Democrats - and then met with a much larger group of GOP Senate conservatives.

The latter group is especially enthused about the inauguration of the first all-Republican government in almost 50 years. "It's exhilarating," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R.Texas. "It's challenging,"

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But even conservative law, makers acknowledged that some measure of bipartisanship will be a necessity in a Congress as narrowly divided as the new one. Republicans will control the 435-member House by a mere five votes.

The Senate will be divided, 50 to 50, with GOP control based on Cheney's role as the chamber's, president.

president.
"No big things will happen in America ... without bipartisan cooperation," Cox said after his meeting with Cheney.

Florida senate halts plans for naming Bush electors

Senate President John McKay said he would not make his next move until today. "Out of respect for the vice president, we will wait to hear his comments ... before taking further action," McKay told the Senate.

# World reacts to prospect of Bush administration

BERLIN – After weeks of dis-belief, dismay and, from some of the usual suspects, no smo of the usual suspects, no smo delight at America's disconfort, the world began to adjust tonight to a manage abble uncertainty: a new Bush administration in Washington, one likely to be peo-pled with old hands from the peo-pled with old hands from the Rowan quantum the known quantum the Bush administration who are known quantities around the globe.

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Although George W. Bush's alleged lack of foreign policy credentials has been mercilessly mocked in the international media, officials from some of the principal U.S. allies said that, like many of his predecesors, he will grow into the job.

And, pointing to the reassuring presence of figures such as retired Gen. Colin L. Powell, expected to become secretary of state, and Condoleerza Rice, the expected national security adviser, they predict no major shifts in U.S. foreign policy.

Rice is remembered fondly in Germany as a key figure in the administration of Bush's father, George Bush, when she supportations of the supportation of the suppor

administration of Bush's father, George Bush, when she support-ed German reunification and was the author of a well-received study of the diplomatic maneu-

vering that led up to unity.

"There is no concern or nervousness in Germany," said Karsten Vogt, principal offician on German-American relations in the Foreign Ministry here. The argument that Bush is not experienced in foreign policy-in the state of 
autisers. Iney are internationinstance in the one country about
which the Texas governor has
touted his expertise, Mexico,
here is already a sense of a close
ally coming to the Oval Office
who will elevate U.S.-Mexican
relations to new levels.
"It's going to be a splendid
opportunity to work with some
ne who has a sense and sensibility for Mexico, and who clearly
will be attaching a great deal of
importance to Mexico," said
Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge
G. Castaneda. He said Mexico's
new president, Vicente Fox, is
"looking forward to a meeting
with Bush, whenever and wherever."

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Bush was preceded by Gore, who delivered his call for national unity in a tele-

"May God bless his stewardship of this country," the vice president said of the Republican who vanquished him. Gore, who called Bush to concede shortly before his speech, joked that he had promised not to "call him back this time," a reference to the concession he phoned to Bush on Election Night and later withdrew.

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Bush said it had been a "gracious call" from Gore, adding, "I understand how difficult this moment must be" for him.

The two made plans to meet in Washington on Tuesday.

The world also prepared for a new. American leader. British Prime Minister Tony Blair sone Bush good wishes shortly after Gore's concession. "It was a long

and agonizing wait for you. I'm very glad it is finally settled," Blair said.
Victorious Republicans, in conciliatory and sympathetictones prepared to claim control of both the White House and Congress for the first time in more than 45 years, while Democrats talked ominusly of deep partisan schisms and condemned the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that pushed Gore from the race.
"This might be the end of a campaign, but it's just the beginning of a much longer, difficult process," Sen. George Voinovich, Rohio, said.
In a televised address that lasted less than 10 minutes, Gore mixed words of unity with the unmistakable message that he felt wronged by the Supreme—Court-ruling that stopped the Floridar recount and prompted his concession.
"While I strongly disagree with the court's decision, I accept it," he said. "I

accept the finality of this outcome."

He allowed there would be time for disagreements down the road, but said "now is the time to recognize that that which unites us is greater than that which divides us."

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Leaving the White House office that he soon will vacute, Gore was greeted outside by cheering supporters who chanted "Gore in Four," a hopeful wish for his political revival in 2004.
Bush moved quickly into the breach, asking the Texas Democratic House speaker to introduce him for his national address. He told campaign chairman Don Evans to reach out to Gore chairman to William Daley – a move that led to the scheduling of the two rivals' meeting narr week. And its duisted off transition plans laid dormant by the legal wrangling, as alides reminded reporters that a Democrat or two were certain to join the

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In his first act as president-elect, Bush will attend a "prayer and hope" church, service Thursday in Austin, spokeswoman Karen Hughes said. "He wants to start this on a message of prayer and healing." she said.

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Each move was calculated to heal divisions caused by the brutal, five week election postscript. His mandate in doubt, Bush already is being urged to curb his legislative agenda, particularly the \$1.3 trillion program of tax cuts over 10 years.

Across the nation, Americans took stock and looked forward – with hope and doubts.

"The most important."

"The most important thing is that "The most important thing is that we've gotten a new president without violence, without undue civil urnest, and that speaks highly of our country, our democracy," said Tobey Lewallen, a

salesman from Williamsburg, Mich, who voted for Bush.

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Anthony Joem, a college professor in
Lincoln, Neb., who backed Gore, questioned whether Bush would be able to
lead the nation, saying. "I think his stared ability to be a consensus builder is
much overblown."

Speaking for many was Mark Abbey,
who works in a bar in Topeka, Kan. "The
biggest part," he sald, "is I'm glad it's
over."

Reacting to Democratic criticism, Justice Clarence Thomas told high school students that the court is not influenced by the politics of the presidency or Congress.

"We happen to be in the same city but we might as well be on entirely different planets," said Thomas, nominated to the bench by Bush's father, "We have no axes to grind."

# THE BUSH VICTORY



# UESTIONS FOR THE COURT

Some say decision hurts reputation of court justices

By Frank Dayles and Frank Lockwood Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - No longer above the fray, a deeply fractured U.S. Supreme Court has plunged headlong into political tontroversy, damaging its reputation as a neutral arbiter, according to court watchers, legal analysts and former court clerks. The court's landmark 5-4 ruling late Tuesday for George W. Bush turned the nine justices, in the eyes of many Americans, into nine more voters, split about as evenly as the public in the election. They just happened to be the nine youter who finally decided the outcome.

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"I think this court is going to beperceived as an activist court, an
arrogant court, and one that is
insensitive to state concerns,"
said Jeffrey Shaman, a law professor at DePaul University in
Chicago.
Susan Low Bloch, a constitu"dional law professor at
Georgetom University Law
Center in Washington, said the
ruling "makes the court look partisan, and it's going to be criticized for that. It might damage
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Some of the criticism Wednesday was furious. Rep Jesse Jackson Jr., D-III, called the court "a willing tool of the Bush campaign" that orchestrated a "welvet legal coup."

Other analysts took a more charitable view.

Joel Gora, a Brooklyn Law Center professor who has worked with the liberal morrican Civil Liberties Union, said the court will weather this storm and may have provided a public service.

By taking the heat them selves, they heading off a constitutional crisis, especially it his election ended up in Congress."

Gora said. "They had to deal with a flawed recount system in Florida, and they may be doing a very beneficial thing in the long run."

# With late-night high drama, the high court weighs in

In a 5-4 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the Florida Supreme Court decision that had ordered new r the state's presidential election. Some excerpts:



any recount seeking to meet the Dec. 12 date will be unconstitutional ... we reverse the judgment of the Sup me Court of Florida

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has been involved in political
crises, accused of partisan decicises, accused of partisan decicises, accused of partisan decicises and attacked by presidents.
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some of its earliest rulings,
angered Franklin Roosevelt by
overturning his New Deal programs and paved the way for
Richard Nixon's resignation by
ordering him to turn over the
white House Watergate tapes to
Congress.

ordering a recount to proceed. --- From the court's main ruling in an unsigned opinion Source Compled from AP wire repo Chief Justice Rehnquist, with whom Justice Scalla and Justice Thomas join, concurring

But as we indicated in our remand of the earlier case, in a presidential election the clearly expressed intent of the legislature must prevail, And there is no basis for reading the Florida statutes as requiring the counting of improperly marked ballots, as an examination of the Florida Supreme Court's textual analysis shows.

split decision runs the risk of undermining the public's confi-dence in the court itself," Breyer wrote. "That confidence is a pub-

undermining the public's confidence in the court itself." Breyer
wore. "That confidence is a public treasure."

Justice John Paul Stevens
wrote that the impartiality of
judges was the "loser" in the ruling.

John Rogers, a University of
Kentucky law professor, predicted that the criticism would subside.
"The same lawyers and law
professors who will be criticizing
it the loudest also have a strong
interest in having the Supreme
Court be influential in American
life," he said.

Dennis Goldford, a political science professor at Drake
University in Des Moines, Iowa,
had a similar perspective. "It's
not a body hlow to the court.

They didn't catch cancer, but
they did more than stub their
toe."

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He noted that the court has retained its public support over the years, while Congress and the presidency have not.

"They'll go back up Mt. Olympus. They've issued their decision and now they'll go back

What must underlie petitioners entire federal assault on the Florida election procedures is an unstated lack of confidence in the

impartiality and capacity of the state judges who would make the critical decisions if the vote count were to proceed. Otherwise, their position is wholly without merit.

—Justice Stevens, with whom Justice Ginsburg and Justice Breyer join, dissenting.

up the mountain." Goldford said.
But the court now is under
intense public scrutiny. Several
observers said Bush's first high
court appointment would need to
be a centrist to survive an evenly
divided Senate and a highly
charged political atmosphere.
"Bush should act knowing that
more than half the country didn't
want him. He should rule from
the middle," Bloch said.

Some Democratic leaders,
perhaps mindful of
Republicans' verbal assaults on
the Florida Supreme Court,
were muted in their criticism of
the high court.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary
Committee, said he was "saddened and concerned, as are
several-justices, that the majoriaty has dealt the court a serious
blow by taking actions many
Americans will consider to be
political rather than judicial."

Other Democrats were more
combative, such as Rep. Alcee
Hastings of Florida: "Rather than
being a place where presidents
choosing prosidents. This leaves a
stain on democracy."

# Democrats set sights on 2002

WASHINGTON (AP) - For all their disappointment now, Democra: on Capitol Hill say the bitter presidential race could sow the seeds for a takeover the seeds for a takeover the Congress from the Republic of Congress from the Republic on the 2002 midterm elections.

"Many people on the Democratic side feel that Vice President fore artually was the

Democratic side feel that Vice President Gore actually won the election, and that feeling will carry over into 2002," said Rep. Martin Frost of Texas, the third-ranking House Democrat. "I don't think it's a question of bitterness. It's a question of wanting to work harder," It's a quantarder."
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Democrats in the House, retaining to the feel that Vicinat feeling with row independents and one vacancy. Has feeling with row independents and one vacancy. Has feeling with row independents and one vacancy. Has feeling with row independents and one vacancy. How in the vacancy in the pendents and one vacancy. How in the vacancy in the pendents and one vacancy. How in the vacancy in the pendents and one vacancy. How in the vacancy in the pendents and one vacancy. How in the vacancy in the pendents and one vacancy. How in the vacancy in the pendents and one vacancy. How in the vacancy in the pendents and one vacancy. How in the vacancy in the va ow loss to lepublican leorge W. Republican George W. Bush, coupled with dozens of close congres-cional races-

with dozens of close congres. Democratis are close congres. Democratis are consistent with the control, will specific activists and politicians to register more voters, step up candidate recruitment efforts and do a better job of getting out the vote two years from now, Democrats say. "Our people believe we were robbed," said Rep. Albert Wynn, D.Md. "I think our people are going to be highly motivated." Rep. Charles Rangel, D.N.Y., said he will lead Congressional Black Caucus members to black communities to "remind them that their efforts were historic" in helping Democrats win Senate races in New York, Florida, Missouri and Michigan. Congressional elections in the middle of a president's term usually translate into losses for the party running the White House. Since-World-War-II-the party-controlling the presidency has picked up seats only twice, both times just a few and only in the Senate.

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"When a president assumes office, that president loses in the off years," said Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla. "I certainly believe that the tone has been set by this election to almost ensure that Democrats are going to gain

when the 107th Congress convenes in January, the Senate will be evenly split 50-50, with incoming-Vice President Dick Cheney breaking ties for the Republicans. The GOP lost two seats to Democratis in the House, retaining a 221-211 edge, with two independents and one vacancy.

the University of Minnesota.

"That will put some pressure on the president to get what he can out of this Congress," Smith said. "The conservatives will say, The 2002 elections can't be promising for us, so we need to get what we can now."

For their part, Republicans said they doubted that Democrats could gain any advantage by using blocking tactics as a strate-gy for the 2002 elections.

"I think it will be a loser for either party that is perceived to be trying to have their way or block things," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R. Miss.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R. Pa., added that "if any of us are going to survive around here, wed better cooperate with each other."

Some Republicans were skeptical that voters would use the 2002 election as a referendum on the 2000 presidential outcome. Rep. Rob Portman of Ohio a Bush adviser, said similar predictions that the COD impeachment of President Clinton would harm Republicans at the polls failed to materialize this year.

# ordering him to turn over the White House Watergate tapes to Congress. Through each crisis, the court has endured and has eventually recovered any lost public confidence. Before Tuesday's ruling, it was widely viewed as the federal government's least partisan and most trustworthy institution. Justice Stephen Breyer, in his dissent Tuesday, recited some of the court's turbulent history, recalling long battles over slavery and segregation. Breyer warned that with their involvement in the 2000 election, justices were falling into traps like the tainted 1876 election of Rutherford. B. Hayes, risking involvement in "partisan conflict, undermining respect for the judicial process." "Above all, in this highly politicized matter, the appearance of a Nation's black leaders protest 'stolen' Bush election victory

WASHINGTON - The nation's top black leaders Wednesday questioned the legitimacy of Texas Gov. George W. Bush's expected presidential victory, saying it was secured by the U.S. Supreme Court and not by the voters.

voters.
"He will be president legally.
But he does not have moral
authority, because his crown did not come from the people. It came from the judges," the Rev. Jesse Jackson said on CNN after leading a raily of hundreds of blacks and union members in Tallahassee.

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Blacks word for Gore by a 9-1 margin, according to various analyses after the election.

Jackson said 18,000 ballots cast by blacks were thrown out in Duval County because those voters mistakenly cast ballots for two candidates for president. They followed a sample ballot in a local newspaper that was diff, ferrent from the one in the booth, he said.

Thousands of other black voters around the state found their names were missing from the voting rolls, Jackson said, while broken voting machines in other counties failed to count votes.

"Well, many people feel it's stolen. They feel of bed. They feel disenfranchised," the civil rights leader said. "So there is a sense in which people were targeted and that there was a systematic, planned disenfranchise." The civil rights leader said. "So there is a sense in which people were targeted and that there was a systematic, planned disenfranchise." The stolen and the stolen for the Mational Association for the Kastional Association for the Advant People, echoed those concerns later in a telephone interview



testers supporting Vice President Al Gore Wednesday on the steps of the old Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee, Fla.

with reporters. Asked about mu reporters. Asked about Bush's legitimacy as president, Mfume said: "That remains to be seen. In the minds of a lot of otters, they may see this future president in lacking the kind of legitimacy we afford to presi-dents.... I'm not sure legitimacy is something Mr. Bush ever gains."

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Both men said that efforts by news organizations and other groups to recount the estimates + those kicked out by machines + those kicked out by machines without recording a vote for president - could reverse Bush's victory in Flodia.

Officials in that state have said there was no evidence of an organized-or-deliberate-effort to deny blacks of their right to vote. Still, Mfume said the NAACP believes there was "voter suppression and voter intimidation" there and

will press the Justice Department and the FBI in the next administration to investigate. Such a move, said Mfume, will "move (Bush) closer to acceptance."

"What happened in black precincts in black neighborhoods this election shouldn't happen again," Mfume said.

Like other black officials and Democratic leaders, Mfume said he was "extremely disappointed" in the U.S. Supreme Court decision which reversed a Florida court decision to begin a manual ballot recount. That opinion was repeated by black lawmakers in Congress.

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D.Ill., son of the civil rights leader, called the Supreme Court "a willing tool of the Bush campaign."

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Rep. Alcee Hastings, Drla, said the court's ruling "leaves a stain on democracy." Of Bush's claim to the presidency, he said. "The people are going to be left-saying." I am not certain this guy won the election."

Another Florida Democrat, Rep. Carrie Meek, agreed, "Black voters, if I may speak for them, I don't see them supporting George Bush in any way. I will respect him, and I vill work with him, but I don't think that (extends) to my constituents." Not all black leaders were willing to question Bush's legitimacy.

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Rep. Charlie Rapie, D.N.Y., was asked if the country can come together after the divisive election. "I hope so. Al to of it will depend on the next president," Rangel said. "He will have to make extraordinary efforts to be bipardsan."

# Secured ballots draw attention

MIAMI – Asked Wednesday what they were going to do with the nearly 60,000 ballots cast in Florida's Bay County, Assistant Said and the said of the election. At which point, unless ordered otherwise, election supervisors may destroy them.

So far, with no further instructions from Secretary of State Katherine Harris, county election supervisors say they are proceeding business as usual, at least as much as they can under the extraordinary circumstances.

"The ballots are sealed and locked up in an interior office in our election office," said Vicki Farris, an assistant elections supervisor in Jackson County. "Normally, they would already have been packed up and shipped to, the basement, but-we-wont-send them down for the basement of the same of the same of the said of the same 
Tracking the major legal battles



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▶ Bush: Asks for halt to manual recount of undervotes ordered Friday by Fla. Supreme Court saying it undermines the election process

► Bush: Claims Fla. Supreme Court should not have allowed counties to submit new vote totals after deadline passed

Fla. Supreme Court

➤ Gore: Contests Fla. certification; says recounts of Miami-Dade, Palm Beach counties could change election outcome

Court orders manual recount of undervotes; recount haited by U.S. Supreme Court

Court rules 5-4 to refuse to allow the recount due to lack of time to resolve problems with varying standards

U.S. Supreme Court sends case back for clarification; Fla. judges rule they followed state statute

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years, experts on Florida law say there is no exception to the state's "Sunshine Law." That includes, experts say, arguments that the ballots should be scaled in the interest of national security - in other words, preventing any count-ing that would suggest the wrong man won.

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The bottom line: The Florida ballots, the subject of the most ballots, the subject of the most charan-out and contentious election in modern history, are no out of the news yet.

And that has meant the usually perfunctory post-election handling of ballots is now being scrutinized.

In the case of Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties, sites of some of the largest undervotes, the votes are not even home yet, still secured in a vault in the state's Supreme Court. Giseli Salas, the assistant super; visor of elections in Miami-Dade, said there is still no word on when the ballots will be returned. Salas said she now has a list of 20 groups who have formally requested access to the ballots. To make sure that happens, Richard Burton, a Miami lawyer, said he has filed a suit to have the Miami-Dade's 654,000 ballots sent home immediately.

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EDITORIAL

# Bush is the right man for the West

After eight years of wandering in the liberal wilderness, America can finally begin recalibrating its moral compass. With George W. Bush in the White House, and a narrow Republican majority in Congress, the nation is poised for a return to traditional American values.

Given the contentious nature of his victory, Bush should reach out to Democrats at every opportunity – but he should never compromise his fundamental Republican values. Those values are what elevated Bush to the presidence was and polarization at either end.

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dency and, as they say in Texas, he needs to dance with who brung him. Bush's election has vast implications for national and international policy, but it definitely bodes well for the American West. As Bill Clinton disap-

American West. As Bill Clinton disappears in the nation's rearview mirror, the top echelons of all federal agencies need to be swept clean. That means new ideas – and new direction for the Forerst Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

The upshot should be an end to the dictatorial, top-down approach to public land management that has come to characterize the Clinton administration. The days of allowing rampant environmentalism to dictate how Westerners should live is, thankfully, drawing to a close.

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be vigilant against the extreme right
as well as the left.

In this, the most closely contested
presidential-election in living memory, the message from voters is clear.
The nation must be governed through
unity and cooperation near the middle of the political spectrum, not divisiveness and polarization at either
end.

Georee W. Bush has a long journey

# The Times-News

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# LETTERS

Give teachers the tools they need

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Regarding your Dec. 7 editorial:
It's a shame that our teachers don't
work in an arena where fans pay big
bucks to see them educate. If the Utah
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were considered a "coach" except for one
hitch: their "team" is not motivated by
much. Because the "team" for students
play a great part in test scores, these
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to class with no intention of being taught.
They come from backgrounds where education is not is not highly valued. They
come with the idea that everything is a
free hunch and you can't make me do anything "cause my parents will sue.
Sometimes a teacher can make great
strides with this type of student, but the
scores will still be low because the student
is not up to grade level. Learning has
occurred. The teacher has been success.
It have been involved extensively with

I LYNG
the parent-teacher organization at LB.
Perrine Elementary and as a parent on
the Quality Schools Committee for the
the Quality School Stormit. I have seen evidence of forward-thinking administrators
and educators who are committed to the
education of every student. They are constantly evaluating and assessing the quality of education. I think it's time we
become a community of truly committed—
fans who don't walk out at half time
because the score is a little tight. If we
support our educators and give them the
tools they need, we will all have a big win
in the end.
CORINNE STARLEY
Twin Falls

## Make adoption easier, shelter

Make adoption easier, shelter
I have, in the past, wanted to adopt
from the shelter, but several things
stopped me.
First, the endless questions on the
forms, second, the hours were not convenient or not open long enough, not a
friendly place most of the time. They have
a ton of cats, it seems, up front, no cages
for some, but you can't touch them It
would be nice to adopt but so many things
stop others as well. Word of mouth about
their experiences. At times, it seems there
are mandatory costs to adopt a pet from
their experiences. At times, it seems there
are mandatory costs to adopt a pet from
there that are higher than the pet store.
Why not stay open a few more hours, better fees and not so many interregating
questions? Oh, and it would have been a
good idea not to have killed hat poor pup
on the front page just yet. I bet someone
would have rescued the pup. There could
have been a lapso time of a day perhaps.
Give people a chance - they are more
responsible and loving than you might
think.
SHERRY JOHNSON
Twin Falls





# The boom begins to go bust

hile-Americans were transfaced by the presidential contest, something ominous happened to the U.S. economy. What's driven this economic bom has been confidence in the condition of the contest of the condition o

Please fleuter your pers
Regarding the picture of the lab-cross
dog on the front page of your paper being
sedated for euthanasia, I heard many
comments (most against). Personally, as
pathetic as it was, I was in favor of having
it published. Perhaps people who saw it
will consider having their pets spayed or
neutered.

will consider having their pets spayed or neutered.

As an animal-care professional, I can tell you the pound is no pinnic for dogs and cats. It's time people see the harsh reality for what it is.

The people who have to euthanize these animals are not the ones to blame. It is you, the person who won't get his pet you, the person who won't get his pet in you, the person who won't get his pet in you, the person who wan't get his pet in you, the person who wan't get his pet in you, the person who dumped a dog in my partial to the person who dumped a dog in my partial pot and the dog waited patiently for three days for you to return it is you, the people, who are irresponsible and have no regard for life and create "a throw-away society." Don't tell me you were offended

Please neuter your pets



ROBERT J. Samuelson

puters, installed communications networks and built factories and warehouses. In manufacturing, there's already idle capacity. In the third quarter, industry operated at 82.2 percent of capacity compared with 85.4 percent at the peak of the 1980's business cycle.

In short, a slowdown could feed on itself—and the slowdown is now unmistakable.
Last week General Motors said it would build 1.3 million vehicles in the first quarter of 2001, down 14 percent from the level in 2000. Intel, the world's largest computer-chip maker, said that weak demand for personal computers would mean flat or lower revenues in the fourth quarter. Retail sales have also softened. Housing construction has stagnated.

Alone, these small serbacks aren't alarming. Indeed, the Fed intended them. Since mid-1999, it's raised interest rates six times to prevener trunaway spending and low joblessness from increasing wage-price inflation. Slackening sales and housing starts may mean only a temporary pause in production—as stores and home builders trin surplus inventories—and then a "soft landing" tempered growth with tame inflation.

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with tame inflation.

Among economists, this remains the dominant view. Because the economy has grown so rapidly, it has ample room to decompress. Maybe, But there are two problems. First, even a soft landing may seem fairly bumpy compared with the smooth ride of recent years. Macroeconomic Advisers, a major forecasting firm in St. Louis, expects the econcasting firm in St. Louis, expects the econ-

omy to grow dightly less than 3 percent in 2001. But 'it will feel pretty bad.
Corporate profits are flat, and the stock market is down," says economist Chris Vocares. Unemployment is predicted to rise to 4.5 percent by early 2002.
The second problem is that the standard forecasts ignore the major danger a collapse in confidence. American consumers are assumed to spend in line with income growth—not faster (as in recent years) or slower (as would occur if people increased their saving). While confidence survives, prosperity becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. People spend because they believe, and because they believe, and because they believe, and because they believe, and because they believe, prosperity endures.

To ask whether the confidence is justified is to raise profound questions about the boom. Does it stem from new technologies that create higher rates of productivity growth and faster advances in wages and profits? It so, confidence may be rooted in reality. People can spend more now because they! Be richer later. Similarly, high stock prices reflect a senst ble expectation of hefty profits tomorrow. But what if the boom has been at least—party a classic episode of speculative excess—overpriced stocks, doomed investiments in dublous start-ups and people's ments in dublous start-ups and people'

Robert J. Samuelson is a Newsweek colum-nist.

# LETTERS

LICE TERMS

by the "death-row dog" on the front page of the paper. What's even more offensive is pet owners like you.

I say bravo to The Times-News! Perhaps we need to see more pictures and articles like this one. With the huge number of dogs and cats being dearward, people obviously need a rude awakening.

KARIN KRAMIER

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#### Real journalists tell the truth

Keal Journalists tell the truth Surprise! Surprise! Your publisher recently editorialized his pleasure with Larry Craig's retention of a leadership position in the national joke house (U.S. Senate). Your publisher, the official cheerleader for the Magic Valley Republican Party, says Craig is good for Idaho. Truth is, if Larry Craig told your publisher to dive off the nearest bridge,

he wouldn't ask why, just when.

Mr. Editor, real journalists don't use the media to suck up to politicians. Real journalists maintain professional objectivity and integrity and simply print the facts. Real journalists mere content to tell the ruth and let the political chips fall where they may. Larry Craig is good for only those Idahoans who abuse the environment and then whine for more federal give-away schemes at taxpayer expense. Welfare for the rich. Craig is good to the Idahoans who bought him. So what if your publisher and right-wing politicians swoon and blush at the sight of a cow farmer in a Roy Rogers costume. Let them pay for their own thrills. The rest of us would appreciate a little clean air, pure water and honest use of our hard-carned tax dollars. JIM PRUNY
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(Editor's note: Jim Prunty is a retired fire
management officer with the Sawtooth
National Forest.)

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By Garry Trudeau

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# Looks like we have a winner with a mandate

eorge W. Bush will take office with a strong mandate. He can expect the coop-eration of Congress, g many Democrats. He y the nation behind bold

mill unify the nation behind bold reforms. He stands every chance of looking back in 2008 on two terms of great accomplishment. That brief narrative is as accurate in its assessment of the 2000 election results and as plausible in its prediction of the next eight years as the narrative of doom hat you probably know by heart. You've heard the catch phrases hundred times in the last month. The election was a "tie" at best, or scalen" at worst. The "dulmet winner" (that is, Bush) will not be

#### GARY GEIPEL

able to lead with a distinct agenda. He will be forced to rubber stamp the meager efforts of stamp the meager efforts of the stamp the meager efforts of the stamp that the

Dominant narratives are vital in determining an American president's success. This is nothing new and has very little to do with the technologies or attention spans of

our wired age. Opinion leaders throughout U.S. history have shaped the expectations and perceptions that Americans held of leaders from Lincoln to Clinton. Capture this crowd early and they'll forgive you all kinds of trouble along the way. There are two ways to secure a favorable narrative. One is to let your friends at the top of the ogin ion pyramid write the script, if you have such friends. This approach works beautifully if your last name is Kennedy or Clinton and the intelligentsis believes that a new age of hope and enlightenment has dawned with your presidency. The other approach is for the president and his supporters to write the narra-

tive, believe it, repeat it and make it happen, all the while ignoring all narratives to the contrary. This approach works best if your last name is Truman or Reagan and the intelligentsia believes that the nation has fallen accidentally under the sway of a dangerous and ill-prepared dolt.

Bush's approach should be obvious. He needs to craft his own narrative. And Americans who wish him well need to repeat it, believe it and make it happen. Here's a start: Bush won the While House with more popular votes than any presidential candidate in American history save Ronald Reagan in his 1984 re-election. He dominated overwhelmingly among bedrock constituencies:

the individualists of the Rocky Mountains and the families of the agricultural Heartland. He accomplished all of this against an time of economic prosperity.

In past elections, talk of modernizing Social Security was political death. This year, Bush spoke constantly of Social Security reform in his campaign and it earned him at least as many votes as it cost him.

And, yes, George W. Bush does have mandates to restore dignity to the presidency, rein in the trial lawyers, make the tax code more friendly to middle-class families and appoint to the Supreme Court some of the "Surice constructionists" he talked about in the

debates. This election swing to Buch precisely on values. The intelligential will scoff at all of this, of course. What's been more disturbing, however, is that many opinion leaders sympathetic to Bush have given in to the narrative of doom as well. They throw around phrases such as "one-term president," apparently forgetting how such words can take on a life-of their own. There is a much better narrative not just for the GOP but also for the nation. Believe it. Repeat it. And make it happen.

Gary Geipel, a senior fellow at the udson Institute, worked on former . Vice President Dan Quayle's cam-paign for the 2000 GOP presidential



# Standards for counting? What standards?

igns carried by Al Gore's supporters at the U.S. Supreme
Court said, "This is America.
Count every yout." The vice
president's partisans insisted
that if a manual recount isn't completed,
we'll never really know who won Florida's
electoral votes—and the presidency.
Gore and his supporters have offered
variations on this line for weeks now, but
they know the dispute hasn't beernabout
counting votes. It's been about how to
define votes, given that we're talking
about a lot of dimpled punch cards
designed to be read by machines.
Some disingenuous Gore backers have
said George W. Buds should have welcomed a manual count of the "under-

assid George W. Bush should have wel-comed a manual count of the "under-votes"—those on which the machines found no vote in the presidential column. Regardless of who wins, they ve said, the legitimacy of the next president depends on examination of the ballots. Their con-ern for presidential legitimacy is out-ing, but turn it around. What sort of legit-macy would attach to a president elected on dimples? The whole argument has been based on the fantasy that within the stacks of punch cards, it's possible to discover clari-ty.

Someday, newspaper reporters and ther advocacy groups will get their Someday, newspapes to produce their chance. They'll sift the stacks. They'll hold the cards up to the light, or perhaps peer at the dimples with a magnifying glass, are we've seen county officials do on

#### E. THOMAS **McCLANAHAN**

occasion.

When they're done, they'll offer their conclusions. Those conclusions will amount to yet another opinion.

With his cry of 'count every vote,' 'Gore has sought to suggest his position is grounded in the world of verifiable, numerical evidence. Instead, he was uning the process deeper into the world of subjectivity.

Gore's position seemed grounded in the idea of equality under the law, but he could not succeed except through a process that allowed different standards for different votes—a point highlighted in Monday's oral arguments bedrow the U.S. Supreme Court. A dimple of a certain depth or she that might count as a vote in one locale could count as an abstention in another.

In at least one instance, the recoun In at least one instance, the recount process created different standards in the same county, as Slate's Mickey Knus recently noted. Before halting its hand count, the Miami-Dade canvassing board had worked its way through ballots from about 135 of the county's 800 precincts. Those precincts happened to be the most heavily Democratic.

The "dimple" standard employed by the canvassers was relatively lenient, and before the count was halted, officials had

discovered, on net, 168 more votes for Gore But Miami-Dade's ballots were later shipped to Leon County. When the state Supreme Court ordered the recount to begin again over the weekend, the renewed counting was handled by a different crew.

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Did the new counters apply precisely the same lenient standard for reading dimples as the Mami-Date canvassing board? Or was a new, more stringent standard applied?

The unfairness is obvious, and it unmasks Gorés claims that he sought only to strengthen democracy. The hypocrisy is especially evident when you't ry to match the countevery-vote mantra against Gore's refusal to disavow lawsits since dismissed—seeking to throw out absentee ballots in Seminole and Martin counties.

counties.

Gore argued not for the rule of law but a rule of subjectivity. What could be more innocent, he asked - what could be more in accord with the "will of the people" - than being allowed to sift selected stacks of ballots in search of truth among the dimples?

But dimple-divination cannot confe legitimacy. When you boil away the bunk, Gore's position was Orwellian - an attempt to peddle subjectivity as "fair-

E. Thomas McClanahan is the Sunday pinion editor for The Kansas City Star.

# We need a little Christmas right now

by the star of hope and

the hearts of men because they know that love is the greatest thing in the world. Christmas is celebrated in its

true spirit only by those who

make some sacrifice for the

benefit of their fellow men."

aul out the holly. After this spectacle of a presidential election, we need a little christmas. In many ways, we have brought this on ourselves. We have saked things of government that should not have been asked and we have expected things from the presidency we had no constitutional right to expect. And now we are in a predicament.

redicament. A Catholic priest friend of mine asked

A Catholic priest friend of mine askem if there is a "theological message" it this election. "Yes, there is," I replied. "What is it?" he asked. "It is God coming down again, as at the Tower of Babel, when prideful Man built a monument to his own glory. God would have none of it, so he scattered humankind, even confusing him with multiple languages."

Few of us speak the same language anymore. Where is honor? Where is honor? Where is putting the nation's interests ahead of our own petty concerns and personal privilege? Government has become a religion to too many and the negligions to too many and the negligions." Government has become a religion to too many and the presidency is our pagan god to which we pay homage, but which is incapable of fulfilling many of the requirements we ask of the office. When our political deities fail to deliver, we throw them out and install new deities who must also fail.

-Calvin Coolidge

must also fail.

How empty are the lives of those who are preoccupied with who will be the next occupant of the White House,

are preoccupied with who will be the next occupant of the White House, rather than paying more attention to what is going on in their house?

What would Calvin Coolidge have thought about the divisions that best us?-Yes, Calvin Coolidge, our 30th—President, whom some historians have wrongly maligned.

Not Peter Hannaford, a Washington public relations consultant, who has compiled an informative and entertaining new book titled "The Quotable Calvin Coolidge: Sensible Words For A New Century" (Images From The Past, Bennington, Vt., publisher). Speaking to the American Legion Convention in 1925, Coolidge said, "Whether one traces his Americanism back three centuries to the Mayflower, or three years to steerage, is not half so important as whether his Americanism of today is real and genuine. No matter by what various crafts we came here, we nt today is real and genuine. No matter by what various crafts we came here, we are all now in the same boat." Contrast that noble sentiment with comments last week by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who predicted an "explosion" if he and the



CAL THOMAS

now hyphenated Americans he claims to represent don't get their way. In a statement to the press following his re-election as governor of Massachusetts in 1919, Coolidge sounds deliciously, particularly and the cooling of the state of the cooling 
his re-election as governor at Massachusetts in 1919, Coolidge sounds deletiously antiquated (aren't antiques valuable?) when he says, "The attempt to appeal to class prejure dice has failled. The meri of Massachusetts are not labor men, or policement or rich men, or more men, or rich men, or more men, or rich men, or men men, or rich men. Christmas represents loce and mercy. It was ushered in remains forcer consecrated by the sacrifice of the cross. Christmas holds its place in

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then support by their votes, steadily increases."

In another newspaper column (Dec. 25, 1930), Coolidge prescribed a remedy, which we need considerably more of, especially now. "Christmas represents love and mercy. It was ushered in by the star of hope and remains forever consecrated by the sacrifice of the cross. Christmas holds its place in the hearts of men because they know that love is the greatest thing in the world. Christmas is celebrated in its true spirit only by those who make some sacrifice for the benefit of their fellow men."

With acknowledgement to Jerry Herman, composer of the musical "Mame," that's the kind of Christmas we need - "candles at the window, carols at the spinet. Yes, we need a little Christmas now."

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times

# The legal mumbo-jumbo finished Gore

tered U.S. Supreme Court.
For Al Gore, the end came on a flury of legal mumbo-jumbo.
For George W. Bush, the presidency begins under the cloud of an ideological, friendly boost from the U.S. Supremes Through a cold day and deep into the night, the Supremes put Gore, Bush and the country through a new-wracking ordeal Tuesday.
(Then when the court spoke at \$10 pm., it was with a voice that was muffled, contusing but indisjuitably partisan. The Supremes just their 20 years of mujesty and integriy at grave peril by, in effect, handing the presidency to Bush.

Bush.
Let champagne corks pop in the
Bush mansion where Dubya canstop fretting and assemble his
Cabinet. But the lasting bitterness
of the 2000 postelection combat
thas only been excacerbated by the
Supremes. Sure, by legal sleight-



SANDY GRADY

of-hand, the justices tried to hide their fingerprints on their gift to Bush. They wanted to avoid the slur of being the first Supreme Court to tilt a presidential elec-tion.

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But their dodge of a complex decision didn't work. The court's conservative cadre was the real engine that crushed Gore.

The Supremes tried to duck by sending the recount mess in the Gore w. Bush case back to the Florida Supreme Court, saying in Rehnquist's words, "There's no basis for counting improperly marked ballots." Then they body sammed Gore with a Cache 22-4 recount could not be part of an appropriate remedy."

Translated: Gore's lawyers could make another pitch in

Florida, but they couldn't count more votes. The door was clanged shut. No shock that the Supremes were like everyone else in this 2000 marathon – divided and baf-fled. The election was almost 50-

were like everyone else in this 2000 marthon — divided and baffled. The election was almost 50. the Florida Supremes were 
split, 54, the Florida vore went to 
bush by a few hundred votes, and 
the U.S. Supremes in their marble 
palace were just as muddled. 
Nobody lashed the court in 
fiercer, more blistering words 
than dissenting Justice John Paul 
Stevens, who blasted his brethren: 
"Although we may never know 
with complete cerrainty the identity of the winner of this year's 
presidential election, the identity 
of the loser is perfectly clear. It is 
the nation's confidence in the 
judge as an impartial guardian of 
the rule of Iaw."

But the Gore team, increasingly 
gloomy as hours dragged 
no — Tuesday night, saw finality ome itunraveled the court's arreadlogic. Said Gore lawyer Dexter 
Douglas. "If we can't recount, it's 
over."

This has been known as the "Rehnquist Court," but the decision that handed Bush the White House was engineered by the Scalia Squad. The combative, right-tilting Scalia flashed his colors earlier when he said counting Florida votes "threatens irreparable harm to (George W. Bush) by casting a cloud, on the legitima-ble harm to (George W. Bush) by casting a cloud, on the legitima-yo of his election."

No coincidence that Scalia and protege Clarence Thomas were jabbed by Gore in campaign speeches as "the kind of justices Governor Bush would put on the Supreme Court." That prediction may come true.

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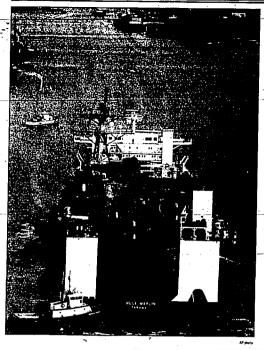
Reverence toward the Supreme Court." That prediction has been squandered by this partisan finish. Instead, the Olympians in black robes bartered away dignity by cheating voters of a full Florida count. A resuless nation wanted the 2000 madness to end in the worst way. And it did.

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The USS Cale arrives In Pascagoula, Miss., early Wednesday, riding piggyback on a heavy-lift shin

# Intensive health campaigns aim at large surge in teen population

LOS ANGELES - Bracing for a dramatic rise in the youth popu-lation over the next decade, California, Illinois, Colorado and

dramatic rise in the yourn population over the next decade, California, Illinois, Colorado and other states are introducing intensive health campaigns simed at preventing an escalation of violence, drug abuse, preganery, truancy and other teen and preteen problems. Between 2010 and 2020, the population of 10- to 19-year-olds is expected to rise to 44 million, the highest level in U.S. history. After a 25-year decline in the numbers in that age group, the surge in the group's population threatens to overwhelm everything from health-care services, afterschool programs and juvenile justice systems to schools and colleges. While the growth is attributed mainly to children of Baby Boomers, experts are worried—because some of these youths are from immigrant and minority groups that experience social problems stemming from poverny in higher proportions than the eneral population.

In 1993, one-third of youths were Hispanics or other minorities, according to federal officials. By 2030, Hispanics, blacks and Asian-Americans will comprise

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more than half of that popula-tion.

Already schools and colleges are spending large sums to pre-pare facilities and a workforce to meet the demand which coping with a national which coping with a national which coping with a national professors that is expected to worsen after a way of retirements in the next few years.

expected to worsen after a wave of retirements in the next few years.

Education, health and juvenile justice officials are devoting significant resources to redesigning their approaches. They are concentrating more on the root causes of risky behavior, attempting to prevent problems and reduce the potential strain on public services from the population surge.

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Rather than focusing on putsile ment, the new strategies call for promoting healthy lifestyles and developing youths' leadership potential and other attributes. And instead of continuing to operate disparate programs in piecemeal fashion, the new approaches call for coordinating efforts by the numerous agencies, institutions and programs that serve young people, in the hope of making enrichment programs more comprehensive and accessible.

Our the last 30 years, "motor Votels and the program of the last 30 years, "motor votels are served."

Over the last 30 years, "motor vehicle accidents, suicides and homicides have become the

major causes of death amon teens; all three are preventable, said Dr. Trina Anglin, chief of th Department of Health an Human Services' Office of Adolescent Health.

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"The problem could be an even bigger deal with the projected many and the service of 
# JSS Cole returns to shipyard

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) = PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP)— With a shrond covering the pa-ping hole in its side, the humb-damaged USS Cole returned for repuirs Wednesday to the ship-yard where it was bull, arriving piggyhack aboard a heavy-duty transport ship. Spectators gathered in cold, overcast weather outside the gates to watch the arrival of the destroyer.

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gates to water the attracts of destroyer.

"I hate to see it coming back in that shape," said B.C. Lee, a carpenter who helped build the Cole. "It makes me feel good the Navy close us to repair it."

The \$1 billion Navy warship was attacked by terrorists in Aden. Yemen, on Oct. 12, and 17 U.S. sailtors were killed. It arrived in Passagonals on a Norwegian-owned heavylift ship because of the damage to its port side.

side.
The destroyer was christened here in 1995 and built by Ingalls Shipbuilding.

At least 100 employees in hard hats worked alongside a huge crane that pulled the heavy-lift ship Bhe Marlin and its cargo to the dock As sailors standing on the deck of Cole looked on, metal bumped the dock, "It's a sad occasion when you think of the 17 sailors who died," Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., said as he stepped onto the dock. A patch for the hull's ragged 40-by-40-foot hole will be welded in place before the Cole is taken from the transport ship, and weapons will be unloaded. The destroyer will go into dry dock for repairs next month.

The work is expected to take about a year at a cost of \$150 million to \$170 million.

American and Yemeni author-ties are still investigating the-bombing. Yemen's prime minis-ter has said that three to six

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Section B

# MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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Why should we be surprised Polynice has been impersonating a policeman in Salt Lake City? He has been impersonating an NBA center for

years.

-Peter Vessey of the New York Post, on the recent problems of Utah Jazz center Olden Polynice

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### TRIVIA

OUESTION:

Name the University of Southern California forward-turned-actor who played basketball opposite UCLA's Lew Alcindor in the 1960s.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Boys' high school basketball

Buhl at Filer, 4:15 p.m.
IF Christianat Hagerman JV, 5 p.m.
Rockland at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Thin Falls at Century, 6 p.m.
Minico at Idaho Falls, 6 p.m.
Burley at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
Richfield at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.

#### Girls! high school basketball

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High school wrestling Filer/Kimberly at Buhl, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Former CSI athlete

Former CSI athlete

tops steer roping money

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

Taylor, Aris, cowboy Cody
Hancock, who competed two
years ago at the College of
Southern Idaho, finished as the
highest-ranking bull rider in the
Pro Rodeo Cowboys
Association's final standings
jeleased Wednesday.

(Hancock, a 1998 CSI graduate,
netted an unofficial \$139,583 in
winnings this season. His worldtitle run culminated with last
weekend's National Finals
Rodeo finals, which he entered
as a 15th-place qualifier.

Hancock's hard-charging finish
was fueled by a whopping
\$83,355 in prize money at the
NFR.

For more final PRCA results,
see Page B3.

Happy Hundley comes

Happy Hundley comes home to Wrigley Field
CHICAGO = Todd Hundley remembers ditching school on more than a few spring days as a stid at he could go to Wrigley Held and watch his dad play. Hundley was back home Wednesday, domining a Cubs jersey and hat as his father, Randy, watched with pride. The younger Hundley agreed deal, Randy Hundley spent 10 of his 14 season with the Cubs from 1966-73 and 1976-77, and was a Wrigley Field favortie. He still has Close tiles to the club, and is a possibility to fill Steve frome's spot as the Cubs' TV analyst.

## Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Tom Selleck, who went to USC on a basketball scholarship and later starred in Magnum P.I. and a host of Hollywood films.

# Hurricanes take America by storm

The Associated Pres

The University of Minmi is back in the All-America budness. Led by triple award-winning linebacker Dan Morgan, Miami Joined Florida State with three players selected Wednesday for The Associated Press All-America team.
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America team.
Wide receiver/punt returner
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Reed were the other Hurricanes
on the 26-player squad, which

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also features Florida State's Heisman Trophy-winning quar-

also features Florida State's Heisman Trophywinning Quar-terback, Chris Weinke. It's the first time since 1992 that Miami had as many as three All-Americans; Florida State had four players on last year's team.

Along with Weinke, wide receiver Marvin Minnis and defensive end Jamal Reynolds were the other Seminoles chosen for the 2000 team.
Weinke led the nation with 4,367 yards passing and threw 33 touchdown passes, with just 11 interceptions. He guided the third-ranked Seminoles (11-1) to a national title game against No.

1 Oklahoma (12-0) in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3. The Sooners' Josh Heupel made second team, with Purdue's Drew Brees the third team quar-

Drew Brees the thing the state of the state

Tomlinson ran for 2,158 yardsthe fourth highest season total in
I-A history – in leading the
Horned Frogs (10-1) to the
Western Athletic Conference
title and a berth in the Mobile
Alabama Bowl. The 5-11, 208pound Anderson ran for 1,914
yards as the Wildcats (8-3) took a
share of the Big Ton title and
aemed a trip to the Alamo Bowl.
Minnis, who stepped in for two-

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Newly algried stagger Manny Ramirez gives two thumbs-up and says 'bueno' after purting on a Boston Red Sox cap and jersey during a ne to introduce him at Fenway Park in Boston Wednesday. Ramirez signed an eight-year, \$160 million contract.

# It's all 'bueno

## Ramirez arrives to Fenway fanfare

The Associated Press

BOSTON – Manny Ramirez buttoned his brand new Red Sox jersey, smiled, gave a dou-ble thumbs-up and uttered the \$160 million word. "Bueno."

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"Bueno."
If was a sight and a sound his new bosses were thrilled and relieved to see.
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Boston gears up for another run at its first World Series champiouship since 1918.

"This kid has been the most "This kid has been the most proper than the run in the business," buquare the series of the series o

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this project from Day 1," said
Ramirer's agent, Jeff Moorad.
The eightyear, S160 million
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And Ramirez, who grew up not far from Yankee Stadium in The Brons, jumped headfirst into the rivalry. "I'm just tired to see New York always win," he said. The Indians and Red Sox both missed last year's playoffs. In 1999, Boston beat Cleveland 3-2 in the first round but lost to the Yankees for the AL pennant.

Ramirer found it hard to leave the Indians "because I've been in Cleveland for seven "he said. "It was like a

years, "ne said," "It was like a roller coaster."

But conversations with Martines, also born in the Dominican Republic, and Garciaparra helped sway him. And he thinks Boston is closer to a World Series title than Cleveland.

"Over here we've got the best pitcher it both leagues (Martinez) and the best hitter (Garciaparra)," Ramirez said. "I

think if we get another guy, we've got a great chance to win it all."

if all." its all the second period about his abbpar performances in Femway Park, where he as lifetime .278 batting average with 16 RBIs in 37 games, his lowest numbers in any AL park. He was 6-for-8 there in the 1999 AL playoffs and 1-for-18 in the series against Boston. "It doesn't matter," Ramirez, asid. "I think I can make that change."

said. "I think I can make that change."
Ramirer, 28, hit 351 last season with 38 homers and 122 RBIs in 439 at-bats. He missed 44 games with a hamstring injury, but led the league in sluggling percentage and was third in on-base average.
After returning from the disabled list, Ramirer, a 313 eareer hitter, batted 371 with 25 homers and 75 RBIs in his final 71 games. In the last three years, only Sammy Sosa (437) has driven in more runs than Ramirer's 432.

# Title nin

Burley graduate Davidson earns crown the hard way

The Times-News

REXBURG - Last week, during the Ricks College winter sports banquet, the Vikings' cross country coach recalled the request he fielded last spring from a runner. The runner of the recommendation of t

director Garth Hall told how Davidson spent the day before the national race sick in bed. When the race arrived, Hall said, Davidson started out slow but worked his way to the middle of the pack halfway through. With two miles of the five-mile

course remaining, the speedy freshman had worked his way to the front, and from there he built

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## Picabo's comeback Wooden's guys continues at St. Moritz

The Associated Press

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland – Italy's Isolde Kostner had the fastest time Wednesday in training for two World Cup downhill races this weekend, but one of Idho's own was not far behind.

far behind.
Kostner, who won one of two
downlills at this resort last year,
was timed in 1 minute, 39.38 even
onds Wednesday on the demanding 9,121-foot Corviglis II course.
Sha finished 0.08 seconds shead
of Switzerland's Corinne ReyBellet.

Bellet.
Sun Valley's Picabo Street,
working hard to come back from
leg injuries that sidelined her the
past two seasons, finished 37th in

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1:41.86. Street was one place behind—Sweden's—Pernilla Wiberg, the 1997 overall World Cup champian. Street, 29, finished 34th last week. in a Super-G race in France, her first competition since returning to the World Cup

circuit.

She hopes to compete in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, and maybe even collect a medal or two.

The overall World Cup leader, Martina Ertl of Germany, finished 11th in 140.27.

Alexandra Meissnitzer of, Austria, the 1999 World Cup overall champion, was 26th.

The World Cup races will be held Saturday and Sunday.

## Former players honor living legend

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - They came to thim as teen-agers, undisciplined kids who could run, jump and shoot. They left as adults, equipped with the tools they would need for life.

John Wooden explained the intricacles of besketball and life to each of them and, while he was at it, established one of the great dynasties in sports.

His UCLA teams won 10 NCAA championships in 12 years, a stretch of success unlike you be repeated. There were four undefeated seasons and 88

# Starry night

Sports tilestrated's Sportsman of the Year program will air tonight at 9 p.m. on CBS.

straight victories. Twenty-five years after he couched his last game, his old players still worship the man they call "Coach." Sports Illustrated presented Wooden with its Legacy Award this week as part of its Sportsman of the Year show that will be aired by CBS tonight. Many of hisex-players flew to New York for the event.

the event.

No one speaks more eloquently, about Wooden than Bill Walton, who played for UCLA at a troubled time in America, a time of

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Former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden accepts the 'Legacy Awa during Sports Illustrated's award iony Tuesday at the Beacon

# Minico handles Highland

RUPERT - Minico took control in the second quarter and never looked back, beating Highland 59-41 Wednesday night in Class A-1, Region III girls' high school basket-ball.

Ashley Jolley led the Spartans with 19 points and three 3-pointers. Lisa Patterson added 12 points and six rebounds for the Spartans. "They did a great job defensively making it hard to get on track offensively," said Minico coach Clint Straatman. "Our pressure and tough defense made it hard for them to score."

them to score."
Minico (6-3 overall, 2-1 in region)
hosts Rigby Friday.

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# Pocatello 35, Jerome 34

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TWIN FALLS—The Bruin juniorvarsity built a small lead early and
held on the rest of the way
Wednesday at home against the
Pirate varsity.
Andy Coats and Mart Cobvin had
12 points apiece and Chris
Herzinger added 11 for Twin Falls.
Will Fontain had:16 and Levi
Lemmon added 12 to pace

Lemmon acuce 12 to pace Hagerman. "We got a little lead in the first half but it just stayed close the whole game," said Twin Falls coach Stacey Bohens. "We were able to step up the defense a little at key structhes in the game."

The TFHS junior-varsity (5-2) plays at the Burley junior-varsity on Monday.

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# Wendell 61, Shoshone 47

WENDELL - Derek Roseborough scored 21 points and Brett Lancaster added 18 to lead the Trojans to a non-conference win over Shoshone Wednesday sight

night. Jackson Uhrig led the Indians

#### Local sports

with 20 points in the losing effort.
"It was close throughout until we built a double-digit lead in the third," said Wendell coach Allen the third," said Wendell coach Allen that was the difference."
Wendell (3-3) hosts the Hagerman Pirates Friday in Wendell

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#### ISDB 45, Ketchum JV 43

GOODING - The Raptors rolled to an early 16-8 lead, saw the Community School's junior-varsity-make a serious run to tie the game late, then secured the win on Cesar Ledezma's desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer.

the buzzer.
"It was a tight contest right from
the start," said ISDB assistant
coach Todd Houser. "It came down
to Cesar Ledezma's 3-point shot
at the buzzer to win the game for
ISDB."

Ledezma ended the evening with 22 points. Erik Henson chipped in 17.

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Girls' basketball

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Hagerman 38, Oakley 34

Hagerman 38, Oakley led with as little as two minutes remaining but couldn't hold on, falling 38:34.

The Hornest' defense carried the load much of the way, but too many Oakley turmore's and fouls led to easy Hagerman points.

"It was a pretty slow game," said Hagerman coach Diana Finney.
"Oakley threw a different defense at us that we'd never seen before."

The Private Lindsay Choules led all storers with 12 points and all serores a Wesley added 7. Emily Bedke pulled down 13 rebounds for Oakley.

Oakley.
"It was close down to the end," said Oakley coach Brett Graham
"We played good defense but we played poorly on the other end."

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#### Wrestling Declo 53, Burley 27

Declo started the meet with six straight pins and easily handled the Bobcats 53-27. Declo junior John Clark-set the tone for the mutch with a 32-second pin at 103 pounds, and Wade Ousterhout fol-lowed that performance with a pin in 51 seconds.



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Burley's Gregg Betts got the and Gerardo Vega earned a deci-sion, but it was too little too late as Burley fell to 1-2. The Bobcats wrestle again this weekend at the Bear-Cat tourney in Twin Falls and

"I was impressed with Betts and Vega," Burley coach Clint Milliron said. "Both came out aggressive and wrestled hard."

# Title

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a 10-second lead over his closest
competitor that he maintained
through the finish line
"Watching Jeff lead his team to
victory in this manner was the
most mirroculous race I've ever
seen," Hall said.

Coach Stutz summed up Davidson's performance as "not bad from a guy we didn't even

bad from a 80, want."
Davidson also made the All-Region 18 first team this year, taking first place for Ricks College in five of six races (he finished run-

ner-up in one, three seconds behind a teammate). Ricks College women's team-mate Kristen Ogden, a California native, took home the women's national title at the NJCAA meet and also carned All-American recognition.

# Wooden

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Vietnam and Watergate, a time when young people were asking lard ques-tions, when dissent was in style. For Wooden, the answers never changed

For Wooden, the answers never changed.

"We thought he was nuts;" Walton said. "But in all his preachings and teachings, everything he told us turned out to be true."

Walton remembered the coach had his own way of handling the occasional rebels who showed up to play basketball for him and would not abandon their own agendas.
"He would say, 'I admire and respect your position," Walton said.
"We'll miss you here at UCLA.

We've enjoyed your time. Thanks for coming."

And that was that.
And that was that.
And that was that.
And that was that.
I don't go with the general sense of winning is just to score, wooden said Wednesday on CBS's Early Show. "I don't think a man's successful just because he happens to accumulate a lot of material possessions or a position of power and prestige. I think there are other things and I think it's the other things that bring about the winning that term or important."

That took some digesting on the part of his players. "His interest and goal was to make you the best baskettall player but first to make you

the best person," Walton said. "He would never talk wins and losses but what we needed to succeed in life. Once you were a good human being, you had a chance to be a good player. He never deviated from that. "He never tried to be your friend. He was you treacher, your coach. He handled us with extreme patience. I ask his slowest learner." Today, Walton talks, with the 90 year-old Wooden frequently. "He quotes poerry," Walton said. "He has thousands of maxims. He is more John Wooden today than ever. He is man who truly has principles and ideas. He is more interested and involved than, ever, He is, on, top of everything."

# Miami

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time All-American Peter Warrick,
made life easier for Weinke by
catching 63 passes for 1,340 yards
and 11 TDs - an average of 21.3
yards. The other wide receiver was
Pittsburgh's Antonio Bryant, the
Biletnikoff Award winner who led
the nation in average lyards per
game (130.2) with 68 catches for
1,302 yards and 111TDs.

Moss; who helped the
Hurricanes (10-1) to a No. 2 ranking and Sugar Bowl matchup

against Florida on Jan. 2, was chosen as the all-purpose player. The 5-10, 180-pound senior caught 45 passes for 748 yards and five TDs, and ranked fourth nationally in punt returns.with an 18.2-yard average. The Big East's co-offensive-player and special teams player of the year also returned four punts for touchdowns.

Morgan, the first player to win the Butkus, Becharik and Nagurski awards in the same senson, topped the Big East with 138

tackles, including 15 for losses on a defense that ranked lifth in points allowed at 15.5 per game. The Bedinarik and Nagurski awards are for the nation's top wards are for the nation's top the property of the second to the property of the second to the second of the second by the Conferences led the way with five players spicce on the team, which consisted of 17 seniors, seven-junior and two sophomores. The sophomores were Bryant and Cincinnati kicker Jonathan Ruffin.



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# Bucks gain momentum with win over Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)
Glenn Robinson scored 24 of this season-high 32 points in the second half as the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Utah Jarz 111-102 on Wednesday night.
Ray Allen added 23 points to help the Bucks win for the second straight night on the road Milwaukee beat the Lakers 109-105 on Tuesday night in Los Angeles
Utah pulled within five at 95 ow this 3:25 to play, but Allen's jumper sparked a 5-0 run to make it 100-90 with 2:22 to play.

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Milwaukee improved to 11-11, the first time it has been at the 500 mark this season.

Karl Malone led Urah, which has lost two straight, with 35 points. John Stockton had 16 points and recorded his 14,000th career assist in the final minute.

#### NBA

Pacers used a 10-0 run midway through the fourth quarter to beat the Mavericks.

With three of their key players seeing extended minutes for the second straight night, the Pacers evened their record at 11-11. It's the sixth time this season, not including 0-0, that the Pacers have had a 500 record.

#### Suns 103, Spurs 93

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PHOENIX - Shawn Marion
had 17 points and 16 rebounds
Wednesday night as the
Phoenix Suns never trailed in a
103-93 victory over the San
Antonio Spurs.
Jason Kidd had 17 points and
nine assists and Cliff Robinson
added 15 points as the Suns
won their third in a row and
fifth in six games.
Rodney Rogers scored 12 of
his 14 in the first half and
fouled out with 3:46 to play.

#### Bulls 104, Cettics 86

BOSTON - Ron Mercer scored 27 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to just their third win of the season and their biggest since Michael Jordan retired.

etired.

Ron Artest added 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls, who snapped a six-game losing

who snapped a six-game losing streak. Chicago, which has the worst record in the NBA even with the win, topped 100 points for the first time this season and improved to 1-13 in games decided by 10 points or more.

Pistons 92, Hawks 69
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. —
Jerry Stackhouse scored 30
points to lead Detroit.
The game was played in frontof possibly the smallest crowd
ever to watch the Pistons at the
Palace of Auburn Hills.
Approximately 3,000 fans
braved a snowstorm to attend
the game.

Sixers 102, Wizards 82

WASHINGTON - Allen
Iverson scored 25 points to lead
five scorers in double-figures as
the Philadelphia 75ers beat the
Washington Wizards 102-82
Wednesday night.

Iverson scored 13 in the first
half and has scored 20 or more
points in nine straight games
after being held to a career-low
seven against Charlotte on Nov.
24.

#### Hornets 101, Kings 90

Homets 101, Kings 90
CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Jamal Mashburn scored a season-high 33 points and Baron Davis added a career-high 26 to lead the Charlotte Hornets to their irst victory over Sacramento in over three years, 101-90 on Wednesday night.
The Hornets had dropped four straight to the Kings since a 121-102 victory on Dec. 2, 121-102 victory on Dec. 2, 2021. Pacific Division-leading Sacramento lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

# Seton Hall scrapes by winless Penn

EAST RUTHERFOR, N.J.
(AP) – Samuel Dalembert laid in an alley-oop pass from Ty Shine – with -3.9 seconds to play Wednesday night to give No. 9 Seton Hall an 80-78 victory overwinless Pennsylvania, which matched the worst start in school history.

matched the worst start in school history.

The Pirates (6-1) were coming off an overtime loss to Illinois on Saturday in which they bleve a 21point first-half lead. This was quite different as the Quakers (0-7) opened the game by making 12 of their first 13 shots and took a 29-12 lead with 13:06 left in the first half.

#### Maryland 93, UMBC 67

TENNIS World Doubles

### College basketball

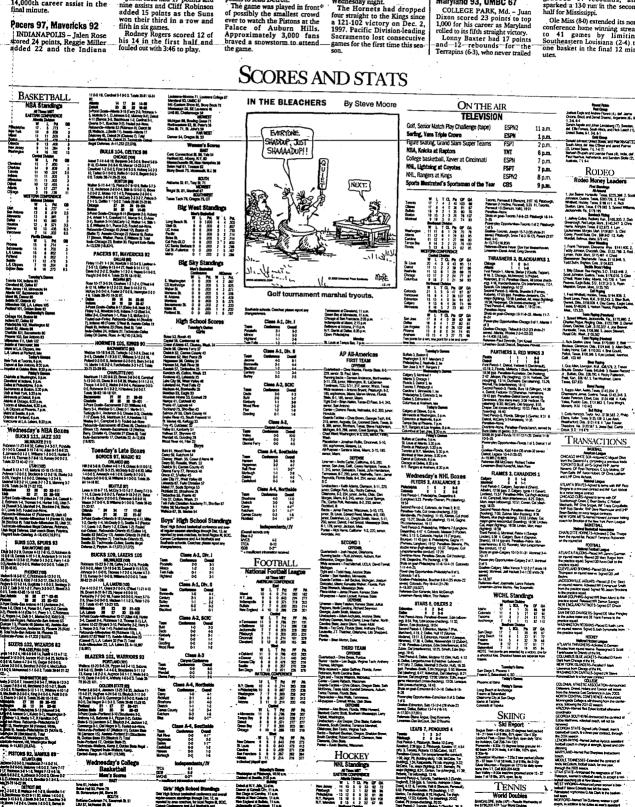
after Dixon snapped a 4-4 tie with seven straight points. It was Maryland's 73rd consecutive non-conference home win, the longest such streak in the nation.

such streak in the nation.

Freshman Peter. Mulligan scored 20 for UMBC (5-2), which fell to 0-13 against Maryland in the intrastate rivalry that began in 1987.

### Miss. 58, SE Louisiana 46

Miss. 58, SE Louislana 46
OXFORD, Miss. - Rahim
Lockhart scored 21 points,
grabbed 14 rebounds, and
sparked a 130 rum in the second
half for Mississippi.
Ole Miss (8-0) extended its nonconference home winning streak
to 41 games by limiting;
Southeastern Louislana (2-4), to
one basket in the final 12 minnies.



# Holiday bowling hits local lanes

On Dec. 2 and 3, the men were On Dec. 2 and 3, the men were given an opportunity to participate in the 2nd Annual Men's Doubles Challenge at the Bouladrome.

The reason it is called a challenge is because the ladies host a Columbus Day Tournament and the men are



ament and the men are challenged to exceed their entries each year. They didn't succeed in 1999 and guess what: They didn't in 2000 either. Go BOWLING

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either.

But a good time was had by all as the Idaho Falls team of Dean Lewis and Brice Holmer rolled 1,980 for the four-game format, capturing the first-place prize money of \$200. Earning second place and \$130 were Nathan Griffin and Steve Elston, Twin Falls, 1,963. Tory Trujillo and Vietur-Baron, Focattellor, were third with 1,948 for \$100.

Baron also teamed up with Jeremy Pincock, of Pocatello, taking the fourth-place prize of \$80 with their 1,899. Fifth was Brian Birrell and Charles Henning, Twin Falls, for \$60 at 1,878. Maury Miller Jr. and Mark Breske, Twin Falls, finished sixth with 1,861 and \$40. Finishing seventh was the father-son team of Ian & Jim DeVries, Filer, at 1,859 earning \$300 of the \$540 total prize fund. In other news...

It's that time of year when we are busy with Christmas shopping and Christmas parties. Have you tried a bowling parry? Say Game I is 8-pin, no-tap. Knock down eight pins with your first ball of the frame and it records a strike. Nine pin is the same - however, you must knock down nine pins on your first ball to get that strike.

Or how about 3-6-97 That's where you automatically get strikes in the third, sixth and ninth frames. There is always \$.0.8. (better known in the -lowling world as "Should Of Been"). Three times during a game you can roll your first ball game you can roll your first ball and say "\$.0.8." and you are given a strike.

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There's Bingo Bowling and Scotch Doubles for more fun. Call your local bowling center-today and schedule a Christmas bowling party before the time slots are all filled up. And what are you doing New Years Eve?
"Magic Bowl will be hosting open bowling.
"Bowladrome has a Spaghetti Supper planned and party favors for all.
"Sunset Bowl, in Buhl, will be holding its regular moonlite howling until 10 and then continue on with moonlite and party plans till 1 a.m.
"Call Jerome Bowl for information on its plans.
"Cedar Lanes, in Filer, will be hosting a New Years Hawaiian Laua from 9 p.m. to midnight. With unlimited bowling and free shee rental, you can spectro bowl from 10 p.m. until midnight. Finger foods, one free drink and party favors will be furnished.
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A recent phone call from the North Pole requested we tell all the bowlers that Santa will be at Sunset Bowl Dec. 23 from 2-4 p.m.

And on Dec. 22-23 and 27-30, Jerome, Bowl will be hosting its annual Holiday Adult/Junfor Fun Day Tournament – a four-game format, two games of 9-pin, no-tap, one game-of 3-6-9 and one game-of "No Splits" (splits are recorded as strikes). The average of the Junfor bowler will determine the number of pins needed for a strike during the two games of no-tap for the juniors.

Contact Thelma at 733-4357 or by e-mail at ttucker@magic-link.com.

## MUSTANG RUN 🕹



Twin Falls runners Brittany Ward, above, and Tyler Jones, right, both of O'Leary Junior High, competed in the Running With The Mustangs event in Reno, Nev., lest Saturday. Jones ran the 4K in 16:23 and finished 48th out 10:248 boys. He was in great position until the dreaded aldeache hit blim. Ward finished 22nd out of 240 entrants, running the 4K course in 17:05 in helping the girls 'Eam idaho to a ninth-place finish. She was honored at the awards ceremony with a medal and rophy.



GOING BLUE



Charles Colby, right, recently received his blue bett ranking in Brazillan Illudiau under famed il Illau instructor Pedro Sauer of Salt Lake City. Blue bett is the first ranking. Colby trains at American Salf Defense Systems in Yun Falls under Instructor Keith Owen, left.

### GOODING RONDORI



Gooding hosted its second Rondorf Tournament Nov. 1.1.
The tournement attracted students from around the Magic Valley, who attended to show their skills and learn more about the art of Julijitau. The students also necessed instruction from Master Shephard Reale, who trught self-defense knowledge on the art of Samyuruy. Pictured, top row: Isson Dains, Master Shephard Reale, Seales Thatcher, Chris Erickson, Cotton Knopp, Renee Howells, Eric Carter, Suzile Schoessier, Selbly Schoessier, Millie Zaret, Josephus Payton, Kartsas Johnson, Mr. Matt Shaw, Mr. Ken Bryant Perfor, Kartsas Johnson, Mr. Matt Shaw, Mr. Ken Bryant Wildle row: Sensel Soct 1 Stockham, Jacob Bow, 179 er Rev, Ethan Wilter, Leel Schoessier, Ethan Ervin, Scott Zarate, Ryan Stockham, Maggie Crowell, Matthew Bock, Front row: Chad Johnson, Caleb Aol, Crystal Tatcher, Alex Row, Lute Stark, Kyles Byart, McKenne Knopp, Stephanie Stockham, Megan Stockham, Milchelle Aol; Not pictured: Brogan Benet Sensel Gary Phelpa.

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